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Jerusalem Post Staff
VIV. — A Holocaust survivor, Polish convert to Judaism took part of the Federal German embassy for six hours yesterday on to protest against the way the world has forgotten German crimes.

Kilczinski, 40, the convert, married Toronczik, 34, who was the Warsaw Ghetto, walked building in Rehov Soutine at 10 a.m. On reaching the second floor, he pulled out a gun and ordered the staff to assemble. He told the staff that the embassy was closed on Heroes' and Memorial Day and demanded they leave the building. When a few key staff members had been shot, the embassy was shut.

Ambassador, Dr. Per Fischer, at the embassy with his entourage immediately called the Foreign Ministry and his office in Bonn.

Police of police, headed by Lt. General Haim Tabor, to the scene. Among the rapidly assembled around the embassy was the crack Border Police unit.

No men threatened to shoot if any attempts to forcibly enter the embassy. The Ambassador asked police not to use force, but to talk the two into leaving the building.



Andre Kilczinski and Henri Toronczik talk to reporters after lifting their siege of the Federal German embassy in Tel Aviv yesterday evening. (Lester J. Millman)

IAI, Air Force in conflict over copters, new planes

By HIRSH GOODMAN, Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

The Israel Aircraft Industries and the Air Force are at loggerheads over several programmes which could determine the future of the industry. The *Jerusalem Post* has learned.

According to a report in the "Aerospac Daily" from Washington, the Israeli Air Force feels that the development of an Israeli helicopter would be unwise, and that Israel could fill its needs from outside sources.

A more serious conflict, however, will break soon when — if O/C Air Force Aluf Binyamin Peled gets his way — Israel places an order for between 200 and 250 F-16 fighter jets from General Dynamics.

The order will almost certainly put paid to any IAI plans for developing a third-generation Israeli fighter.

and will leave the IAI currently employing 15,000 on diverse projects, with a serious problem in the use of the infrastructure set up for production of the Kfir. The Kfir itself, according to foreign sources, was the outgrowth of a first generation Israeli plane — the Nesher.

While Air Force officials are generally satisfied with the IAI's technical abilities, Peled does not want to risk placing all his eggs in one basket in relying on the IAI to produce its own plane. He apparently prefers buying from the U.S. where delivery time is assured and where production schedules are predetermined.

The argument is expected to reach a peak after the elections, when the future of leadership in the Defence Ministry is clearer.

U.S. tries to defuse tension in S. Lebanon

By ANAN SAFADI
Post Middle East Affairs Editor

U.S. diplomats moved into high gear yesterday to defuse tension on Lebanon's sensitive southern border with Israel.

The Americans were pressing for the dispatch of regrouped Lebanese army units to the south and the disarming of the private Christian militias and their antagonists, the Palestine Liberation Organisation-leaderist alliance. U.S. Ambassador Richard Parker held an emergency meeting yesterday with Lebanon's Foreign Minister Fuad Boutros, who is also his country's Defence Minister.

The Americans have been in constant contact with Beirut, Jerusalem and Damascus over the troubled southern region. Yesterday they were reported to have asked Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to help get the PLO to withdraw from the border areas.

The Egyptian leader, who had already summoned PLO chief Yasser Arafat to Cairo to discuss the crisis, has no interest in a further deterioration in the southern Lebanese situation. Sadat does not want current developments to jeopardize his diplomatic offensive, particularly the contacts between U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Arafat.

In any case, Sadat is preoccupied on three other fronts. Egyptian Minister of War, Gen. Mohammed Abdul-Ghani Gama, said in an address at an officer graduation ceremony yesterday that Egypt was currently "keeping a watchful eye on what is going on to the east (Israel), but was not oblivious of the conspiracies being engineered to the west (Libya). Nor are we neglecting the south where Sudan is facing a threat (from the Marxist regime in Ethiopia)."

ARAB TALKS

The situation in southern Lebanon was the subject of wide-ranging consultations in neighbouring Arab capitals yesterday. Damascus hosted the influential Lebanese Phalangist chief Pierre Jemayel, whose bloc is a key force in the Christian camp. In Amman, King Hussein received Imam Musa al-Sadr, the spiritual leader of the Shia Moslems who comprise the bulk of the population in southern Lebanon.

The apate of activity followed a warning by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon that Israel would not idly watch the recent PLO advance on the Christian-controlled southern enclave.

The lingering border crisis took on greater dimensions earlier this week when the PLO began to dig new frontier fortifications after overrunning a number of border hamlets and two key villages, reportedly with explicit Syrian approval. Israel has been warning for some time against any non-Lebanese military presence in southern Lebanon beneath a "Red Line" security limit which is believed to run from Sidon, on the Mediterranean, to Jezzini to the east.

The border area was reported to be relatively quiet yesterday. Tension was rather higher in Beirut where the predominantly Syrian Arab League peacekeeping force stepped up security precautions in the wake of three powerful explosions marking the second anniversary of the civil war. Large-scale searches for suspects and arms were conducted by Syrian troops, who had managed to pacify all of Lebanon except the south.

Rabin going on leave, Peres to stand in

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will go on leave immediately after Independence Day next Thursday. His decision was made known last night, after a day of discussions with leading ministers. He will formally announce it to the Cabinet at its Sunday meeting, and will recommend that Defence Minister Shimon Peres, his successor as Labour Party leader, take over those functions which he will vacate.

The decision follows mounting public pressure on Rabin to carry out his announcement to the nation last Thursday that he would "seek every way" to step down immediately — despite the constitutional problems involved.

Since Rabin will be "vacationing" inside Israel, he will remain Prime Minister in law and in fact, and will continue to bear responsibility for the post.

Thus he will continue to be consulted on any major decisions that arise.

It was not clear last night just how much power Peres will be wielding as stand-in Premier. Since Rabin is not relinquishing the post completely — as he could have done had he declared himself "unable" to continue — the role of his stand-in is limited by legal constraints.

The Prime Minister's bureau will continue to function independently, and Mr. Peres will not, it is understood, be moving into it, but will

continue to operate from his Defence Ministry headquarters.

Attorney-General Aharon Barak, in his legal opinion submitted to the Cabinet last Tuesday, said the following about the Premier's option of taking a vacation:

"...the Premier can take a vacation in Israel and he can then for the duration of his vacation, ask one or more other ministers to carry out various functions of the premiership, such as chairing the cabinet meetings. But we must be quite clear on one point: such a stand-in minister would not be an 'Acting Prime Minister,' and would not possess the functions and powers of the Prime Minister. Even during his vacation, the Prime Minister continues to function and continues to bear the full responsibility of being Prime Minister. A vacation cannot be a substitute for resignation and cannot relieve the Prime Minister of his constitutional responsibility."

Yesterday Rabin met separately with Peres, Allon, Zadok and Galili. Sources close to him said that Allon, who carries the title of Deputy Premier, "did not object" to his decision. In the Labour Party's interest, to appoint Peres as stand-in. Apparently there had been appeals to Allon, too, from party election campaign managers to give Peres the job, to endow him with that electoral edge that incumbency is thought to provide.

Peres is apparently planning some

changes and streamlining in the work of the Cabinet — to demonstrate that he is capable of eliminating some of the bureaucratic and administrative bottlenecks that have been criticized in the past.

Sources close to Rabin said that on Wednesday he had asked top ministers to come to see him yesterday — in order to inform them of his decision to go on vacation. But on Wednesday night the Premier's Bureau denied, when asked, that Rabin was planning a vacation.

The sources close to Rabin insisted, moreover, last night that the Premier had intended ever since last Thursday to go on vacation in this way. They denied that Rabin had had second thoughts at the weekend about his resignation announcement of Thursday, and had decided in effect to stay in power until after the elections.

But this version was flatly contradicted by cabinet and political sources (sources not identified with the "Peres camp").

These sources maintained that Rabin had given every indication at Tuesday's cabinet meeting that he proposed to continue in power until the elections.

This seems borne out by the official cabinet communiqué, which quoted the Prime Minister as saying: "I have received, at my behest, a legal opinion from the Attorney-General, which is before you. In the light of this opinion I will continue at my post

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Merchant Marine strike goes on as Histadrut compromise bid fails

Jerusalem Post Staff
HAIFA. — The Marine Officers' union and the shipping companies yesterday cleared the decks for a fight to the finish on the differential pay issue strike, now in its tenth day. This followed the failure of a Histadrut compromise bid to get the officers to end the strike.

The officers announced they were ready to continue the strike for months if necessary.

The shipping companies' boards of directors are to meet early next week for emergency decisions if the strike, which has now developed into the worst seamen's strike in over 20 years, is still on.

The strike is over the officers' insistence on maintaining the size of the differentials between their pay and that of the naval ratings, whatever increases the ratings may be given.

By yesterday nearly half the merchant fleet operating under the Israeli flag, some 20 ships, were tied up inside and outside the country's ports by the strike.

Marine Officers union secretary Captain Yeshayahu Groman said the union could not stop the strike without achieving its demands even if it wished to "because the officers on the ships would not sail the ships."

They were insisting on the full payment of the differential at once, because they believed that only with such leverage would they be able to force the shipping companies to start — and finish — intensive negotiations for a new labour contract.

The union had warned its members in advance to prepare for a long strike "and they prepared. Every officer has laid up enough to hold out without pay for months," Groman said.

If the officers were to decide now to give up the fight, "they will have to elect a new union leadership," Groman added.

Groman reiterated that the officers would not voluntarily vacate the ships blocking the Haifa container terminal.

Uriel Abrahamowicz, head of the Histadrut's trade union department, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he had offered the marine officers a compromise solution entailing a one-month cooling-off period during which negotiations could be launched to settle the officers' demands for wider differentials from ratings' wages.

He added that negotiations were further complicated yesterday by the officers' refusal to sit down with the ratings. The talks had to be carried on indirectly, with the Histadrut representatives carrying messages between the two groups and the shipping companies.

But Groman said in a radio interview last night that the shipping companies must stand by the document they had signed, if they wanted to bring the strike to an end. Rejecting the Histadrut's compromise proposal, he said the only possible position for the Histadrut to take was one of support for the marine officers' demands.

"We believe that government intervention will not necessarily harm

the cause of the officers. We estimate it is more likely to bring about a big change in the management of the Zim company," he said.

Zim general manager Yehuda Rotem told *The Post* it was clear that the company could not survive unless an understanding was achieved between ratings, officers and management. He stressed that the companies had recognized the principle of differential payments to the officers. There were differences of opinion on the execution and they had agreed to accept arbitration, by the Histadrut or any other acceptable body.

Rotem said he did not intend to make threats, but if the strike had not ended by the end of the week, Zim would be "forced to adjust our operations to the new circumstances." If it did end by then, Rotem said, the company would be prepared to enter into negotiations over a new labour contract.

It is understood that the boards of directors of the various shipping companies will meet next week to take emergency decisions if the strike continues.

This morning the Shippers' Council, representing the importers and exporters, will call on the Transport Minister to issue orders for the two strike-bound Zim container ships, Zim Montreal and Tilia, to vacate their Haifa port berths, where they have been blocking the container terminal. This would make it possible to load containers on foreign ships.

Council secretary Arle Mehalal said that one half of the country's exports have already been held up.

Flow of selling rocks exchange Jordan Exploration action may aid stability

IV. — The warning by the ment of the Tel Aviv Stock nge against excessive ion, coupled with allegations erworld involvement in s investments triggered a wave of selling yesterday. en shares were marked only" and had their price ically reduced by five per

has been no date set yet for too of "variables" trading.

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Natan Shilo, assistant manager of the exchange told *The Jerusalem Post* that he expects a solution will be reached by Sunday. On Wednesday, when the selling wave began, trading volume was in excess of IL26m. Yesterday, many speculators apparently took to the sidelines to await further developments. The volume fell to less than IL22m.

The management of the Exchange has come under a barrage of criticism as to the propriety of its "warning against speculation." Many among the public at large as well as in financial circles felt that it was out of place to the Exchange management to make announcements of this nature. Some felt that the task should have been undertaken either by the Securities Authority, the capital market supervisor, or by the Knesset Finance Committee. Late Wednesday evening Zalman Shoval, Likud MK, called for an investigation by that Committee into the activities of the exchange. Indeed, soon after it closed yesterday it was announced that the Finance Committee has asked its management to appear before it.

Yesterday, as on Wednesday, the hallway of the exchange were mobbed with spectators. Apparently many speculators who normally prefer to maintain a low profile came to watch the developments. Their presence led one observer to remark that "being attired in a suit

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Pentagon admits defective tank ammo supplied

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. unknowingly shipped defective 105-mm. tank gun ammunition to 13 countries, the Defence Department said yesterday.

The countries are Israel, Argentina, Ethiopia, South Korea, Austria, Iran, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Holland, Australia, Belgium and West Germany.

Spokesman Tom Ross said U.S. Army tests found that about seven per cent of its three types of 105-mm. tank ammunition were defective. It was not immediately known what percentage of shells sent to foreign countries were faulty, he said. The countries concerned had been notified.

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Reach for a Smile



Inclement weather during the past few days forced fishing vessels to seek shelter. This was the scene in Jaffa harbour yesterday. (Israel Sun)

Strong gusts, cool temperatures Imp dust and hail across country

Jerusalem Post Staff
DAGON. — Dust from the desert, an incursion of temperatures and rain from the sea, and gale-strength gusts that have done credit to the Atlantic had the duty weatherman here yesterday.
To top it off to 80 knots — which is "gale" strength — whipped up and over the Egyptian desert and dumped them, bringing gritty haze, over all of the country yesterday. It was reduced to a few hummocks and was especially bad for aircraft. Vehicles and houses were coated with a fine layer of dust.
Even "mud" in some places and by late yesterday afternoon the air was still rank with the dust of the dry particles continued to snow down, in or heavy intermittent showers occasional hail showers fell from different parts of the sky, according to Shmuel Lulav, director of the Beit Gordon nature and agricultural research centre at Degania Alef, the wintry and wet weather is usual for this time of year. But the thunderstorms, hail and high winds are not.
At 11 a.m. yesterday hailstones the size of peas were observed all over the Jordan Valley. It is feared the hail may harm the grapefruit groves and damage the trees which are now in bloom. Continued rain is expected to cause damage to the hay which is lying already cut in the fields.
The level of Lake Kinneret is now minus 209.76 metres, much higher than this season last year, but still 78 cms. short of the maximum.
On Mount Hermon yesterday, the snow was already 80 cms. deep at 2,200 metres, and in Neve Ativ it was about 30 cms. West and southwesterly winds were recorded at about 80 kph. per hour.
The temperature on Mount Hermon dropped to minus 8 degrees Centigrade, while Safad had one degree above zero. Last night the town was shrouded in heavy rain and fog.
On Wednesday night, Safad got a coat of white from the heavy hailstorms which continued for hours. In some parts of the city the white coating remained until morning, but then melted.
Most of yesterday's rains fell over the northern parts of the country. By noon yesterday Safad reported a total of 57 mm. of rain for the past 24 hours. This is considered an impressive quantity even in midwinter. Nahariya had 29 mm. and Ramat David the same amount. It even rained as far south as Eilat where at least the total seasonal average of 25 mm. appears to have been achieved.
The outlook for today continues rainy. But the weatherman hoped the haze would subside somewhat with more rainfall and that it would, eventually, be washed out of the skies altogether. But for those planning a weekend vacation with mother nature: forget it.

Most Israeli mothers stop eastfeeding within months

Jerusalem Post Reporter
AVIV. — The overwhelming majority of Israeli mothers don't feed their babies more than a month, according to a recent survey by Dr. Artzi Bloch, of the Medical Centre in Ashdod. Bloch's findings in a recent survey of 1,000 mothers, the professional of the Israel Medical Association. Dr. Bloch believes, like other doctors, that mother's milk is superior to cow's milk. He says there is a "serious drop" in communicating this notion to new mothers. He adds that not only high-school girls, but also mothers of nursing babies, made two surveys. The survey of 552 newborn infants in Ashdod Medical Centre. Of 98 per cent were being suckled upon discharge, 4 per cent were fed cow's milk upon the advice of a doctor, and one per cent used both mother's and cow's milk, again upon the advice of a doctor.
The second survey encompassed 830 healthy infants aged five or six months. Of these, only three babies were still being breastfed. Some 27 per cent of the mothers added cow's milk at the age of two weeks, another 27 per cent within the next two weeks, and still another 42 per cent before the baby was three months old.
Only 14 per cent added cow's milk upon medical advice. In the majority of the cases (88.8 per cent), the mothers took it upon themselves to do this without medical advice, although in some cases they did take advice: from the baby's grandmother or from the next-door neighbour.

Drowning victim's family sues T.A.

AVIV (Him). — The wife and children of a man who drowned at Sheraton Beach here three days ago have sued the City for 100,000, claiming it was negligent in not posting danger signs and in not taking safety measures.

Man, Ya'acov Drori, who was a swimmer according to his family, drowned a short distance from the breakwater, on the shore side. A Meteorological Service official has testified that the breakwater causes whirlpools with sudden drops of 1.5 to two metres, and a journalist testified that he had reported at the time on the lack of lifeguards and warning signs at the beach where the drowning occurred.

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Warning strike Sunday by Kupat Holim doctors

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Doctors at Kupat Holim clinics will hold a one-day warning strike on Sunday to press their demands for higher wages.

Patients who feel they must see a doctor on Sunday should go straight to Magen David Adom or visit those Kupat Holim doctors who see patients in their homes, Simha Keisman, secretary of the Israel Medical Association told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. Emergency cases should be taken straight to the emergency admissions ward of the nearest hospital on duty.

Keisman did not feel that there was any great possibility that the strike would be called off. "Because Kupat Holim's central committee has not yet shown willingness to start serious negotiations."

Kupat Holim clinic doctors are planning an all-out strike from April 24, he said.

The IMA was already planning special locations where patients could apply for medical help during the long strike. Patients would either be treated on the spot, or he sent to a nearby doctor.

The clinic doctors are demanding that their pay agreements be updated, following the increase given to hospital doctors some months ago. The IMA has declined to say how much extra pay this would mean for each doctor.

Sixteen teams for 'sevens' rugby

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Sixteen teams are competing in tomorrow's third annual Dudi Silhowitz seven-a-side memorial rugby tournament at Kibbutz Yitz'el, near Afeka, which starts at 9:45 a.m. and continues all day.

The event honours Silhowitz, a member of Yitz'el who fell in the Yom Kippur War. He was vice-captain of Israel's rugby team and led his kibbutz XV in the national league.

A total of 38 games, each lasting 14 minutes, will take place during the tournament, which winds up the Israel Rugby Football Union's 1976/77 season. The only non-league side in the event is Ma'ayan Zvi, the applications of nearly a dozen more kibbutz teams having had to be turned down for lack of facilities, unless vice-president Aubrey Ginsberg told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Ha'ogen-Nir Elizahu appear favourites to retain the trophy they won last year. If successful, they will achieve a remarkable treble, having earlier this season won the national cup, and completed their national league programme at the top of the table. Their sole remaining challenger is the Hebrew University, who have to beat Holon-Na'an by a tremendous goal-difference in order to edge past Ha'ogen.

NEGEV ARTISTS will display their creations in an exhibition opening tomorrow night in the Sha'ar Hanegev Regional Council Public Library in the Ashkelon area.

Supreme Court orders closure of synagogue

A Netanya synagogue catering for National Religious Party members is to be closed down, following a Supreme Court decision yesterday. The court dismissed an application by members of the synagogue to leave to appeal against a Tel Aviv District Court injunction ordering the closure, on the grounds that the activities carried on inside it constituted a public nuisance.

The synagogue, situated on the ground floor of an apartment block, was used for prayer, and also as a cultural club at which parties were held.

The apartment house residents complained in the Netanya Magistrate's Court that the noise from these activities disturbed their rest. The magistrate ordered restrictions on hours of prayer and cultural activities in the synagogue, but the residents were dissatisfied with their partial victory and appealed to the Tel Aviv District Court.

Synagogue members entered a counter-appeal, in which they pointed out that the place had functioned as a house of worship for 15 years.

The District Court ordered the total closure of the synagogue, and yesterday's Supreme Court decision confirmed this, giving the members 20 days to vacate the premises. (Him)

Group wants limit set on fees for nuclear plants

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — A conservation group opposed to nuclear power stations yesterday asked the government to set a limit on the commissions which local firms may be paid by the American companies seeking to build the atomic plants.

The group, called Malca, consists of residents of the Ashkelon-Ashdod area, which includes Nitzanim, site of a proposed power plant. The three companies vying for the right to build the plants — Westinghouse, General Electric and Babcock and Wilcox — were accused by Malca of having promised millions of pounds of commissions to their Israeli representatives.

According to an Electric Corporation spokesman, Westinghouse is represented by Electra Israel Ltd., a Cial subsidiary; General Electric is represented by Gerber; and Babcock and Wilcox by the Arava Company.

Shlomo Givoli of Malca claimed that should the government set a limit on the commissions, the competition among the Israeli firms would centre on who can do the most about possible ecological problems involved in construction of the nuclear plants.

Antebi murder suspect's extortion term upheld

Azar Cohen, charged with the murder of "Jerusalem underworld figure David (Dudu) Antebi in December 1975, had his appeal against a four-year sentence on another charge turned down by the Supreme Court yesterday.

Cohen, together with Eliezer Avromeli, was convicted of uttering threats and attempting extortion from Eliezer Nadav, a loan shark. The month before the Antebi murder, the two men took Nadav to the same empty pit near Moshav Aminadav, in the Judean Hills, in which Antebi's bullet-riddled body was later found, and threatened to throw him in it if he did not pay them 110,000 down and further weekly instalments of 11,000.

Upholding the four-year sentences passed on Cohen and Avromeli by the Jerusalem District Court, the Supreme Court also turned down a State appeal to increase their severity.

Azar Cohen's trial on the charge of murdering Dudi Antebi is still proceeding. (Him)



Dr. Mikhail Shtern photographed on arrival in Vienna on Wednesday. (AP radiophoto)

Shtern plans U.S. lectures

VIENNA (AP). — Mikhail Shtern, a Jewish doctor who was released from a Soviet prison camp last month, has arrived in Vienna and plans to lecture in the U.S., his son said yesterday.

Dr. Shtern declined to talk to newsmen. Viktor Shtern told the Vienna newspaper "Kurier," "My father needs rest, and to forget."

The Shterns plan to go to Amsterdam tomorrow, and to proceed to the U.S. Dr. Shtern has invitations to lecture at the Stanford University Medical School and at the University of California.

Shtern was released from a Ukrainian prison last month because of ill health. He had been sentenced in 1974 to eight years in the camp after he applied with his family to emigrate to Israel.

The case aroused concern in the West, and a mock trial to protect the imprisonment was planned in Amsterdam, involving Joan Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir. Shtern, outspoken on Jewish human rights in the Soviet Union, applied to emigrate in September 1975. His family said the subsequent charges of bribery against him were false.

In the Soviet Union, he said after his release that he wanted to live in Israel. He had been a successful physician who founded the Ukraine's first endocrinology clinic.

Social workers file suits

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The country's social workers yesterday began signing legal claims en masse against employers in the public sector who they contend have failed to honour contracts signed after a strike last November.

An internal union notice said the central committee had decided because of the "horror state of the economy" not to declare another strike.

In bringing the battle to the labour courts, the committee decided, they would be putting their faith in "the one system in the state which still functions properly — the legal system."

The spokesman for the union of Local Authorities, the largest employers of social workers in the country, was not available for comment last night.

No red carpet for Kahana in Nablus

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Nablus city fathers have no intention of meeting Rabbi Meir Kahana when he makes his planned call on the city hall on Sunday.

"We just don't speak on the same wavelength," one spokesman said of the leader of the Kach party which advocates the emigration of Arabs from Eretz Yisrael. The spokesman said that he hoped the authorities would advise Rabbi Kahana to cancel his visit.

A national police spokesman, however, told The Jerusalem Post last night that they did not plan to do so. "This is not a police state and he can go wherever he likes," the spokesman said.

In a statement to the press yesterday, Kach said Rabbi Kahana had sent a telegram to Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a saying that as a group from his Af Sha'al (Not an Inch) movement intended to settle near Nablus, he intended to call on his "new neighbours." He requested an interview with Shak'a to discuss "the return of the Jews to the heart of Shechem — their city."

Jewish graves damaged

HAMBURG (Reuters). — About 60 Jewish graves were desecrated in two cemeteries here, police said yesterday.

They said they believed children were responsible. Twenty gravestones were overturned in the Stellingen district on Tuesday night. Forty other graves were disturbed at Ohlsdorf.

SHARES

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with a tie doesn't make one a gentleman.

As falling prices were being recorded, the investment community was caught off guard by a surprise announcement from Jordan Exploration. It described a decision by the company's board of directors two days ago to enter the American market through a company which will specialize in the distribution of oil and natural gas. Jordan's investment in the American venture will guarantee the Israel company a minimum monthly income of \$20,000. The company will count among its assets fully-owned oil properties in the U.S.

The investment in the American venture will be between \$500,000 and \$1.2m. and will be carried out by way of allocating Jordan Exploration "A" shares, based on their price on the day the deal is signed.

Jordan's board chairman, Louis H. Barnett has set up an American company called "Drel Petroleum Corp.," and suggested that the company be made available to Jordan Exploration as a fully-owned subsidiary.

Howard Walsh will be in charge of the distribution programme. His remuneration will consist of stock options for the purchase of 150,000 Jordan Exploration shares — options valued for the sake of the transaction at \$4.50. The exercise price of the options was established at \$4.50 and they will expire in five years. The plan, stressed Barnett, is to begin on obtaining all appropriate permits and confirmations from the Government of Israel.

Jordan's announcement was received favourably by financial circles. The general impression is that the announcement will be helpful in stabilizing market conditions.

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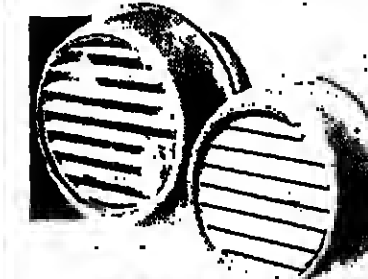
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Read same figures twice about dwindling aliya

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two are better than one, even if both are the same, according to the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry, which each produce their own monthly statistical report on aliya.

"The Absorption Ministry is jealous when our report is published in the newspapers," charges Uzi Narkiss, director-general of the Jewish Agency's aliya department. "Of course I have no interest in getting publicity for myself."

"There is no truth to Narkiss' statement," counters the Ministry spokesman. "We are aware of the reports and have proposed to his department that we do it together, but have not received any answer."

The aliya department prepares its report of a dozen pages in 120 multilingual copies — half in Hebrew and half in English, with listings of aliya statistics according to the month and country of origin; of Russian Jewish "drop-outs" and of returning Israelis. The figures are obtained from the Absorption Ministry's data processing unit. To this, officials in Narkiss' department add informa-

tion about what they feel are their accomplishments in helping olim settle in economically and socially. Initiated three years ago as informational material for the Agency's Board of Governors and Executive, the report is now sent to reporters as well.

The Ministry also first prepared its mimeographed report on statistics and Ministry projects in 1974 as restricted background material for its own executive and for reporters, but it gradually sent a few dozen extra copies to other ministries involved with immigrants.

(The Central Bureau of Statistics publishes a quarterly report on the steadily dwindling aliya figures.)

Narkiss maintains that he is ready to study the Absorption Ministry's offer to produce a joint report, but that it must be headed only with the name of his department and not that of the Ministry because of "legal requirements."

"I was asked to present the report to the Board of Governors, and that is why my department prepares it. We are not competing with the Absorption Ministry to get our statistics out first," he said.

Johannesburg cat-food ad equates cat with cantor

JOHANNESBURG. — Members of the Jewish community here have asked the Advertising Standards Council — the "watchdog" over the quality of press advertisements — to ban an advertisement for cat-food which, it is claimed, holds the Jewish religion up to ridicule.

The advertisement, which occupies almost a full newspaper page, shows a well-satisfied cat wearing an orthodox Jew's skullcap, and announcing himself to be "Herman Katz, Chief Cantor of Houghton."

Houghton (the constituency of Mrs. Helen Suman, for many years the only Progressive Party MP) has a large Jewish population who maintain one of the wealthiest synagogues in Johannesburg.

"As chief cantor," the cat says, "it's my job to lead the singing of the cat congregation every night in Houghton. But there was a stage when I wasn't even asked to sing at catminstrels." That was before he began eating the cat's food "which beats chicken soup."

The advertisement, which appeared in colour in South Africa's major weekend newspaper, drew letters of protest from many readers. One of them, the author Nathan Berger, suggested that a follow-up advertisement should show the Pope praising the cat's food, just to show that no harm was meant by the original advertisement.

Two 'Weathermen' give selves up

CHICAGO (AP). — Two fugitives from the left-wing terrorist group, known as the Weather Underground, have surrendered to Chicago authorities in a move that may signal a shift away from political bombings and sabotage.

Robert H. Roth and Phoebe Hirsch are free on bond after seven years of eluding government authorities. Both were indicted in 1969 on charges of mob action and aggravated battery.

A source said the surrender may be part of a political strategy called "invercelon" under which some Weather Underground members will surface to pursue their revolutionary political goals above ground.

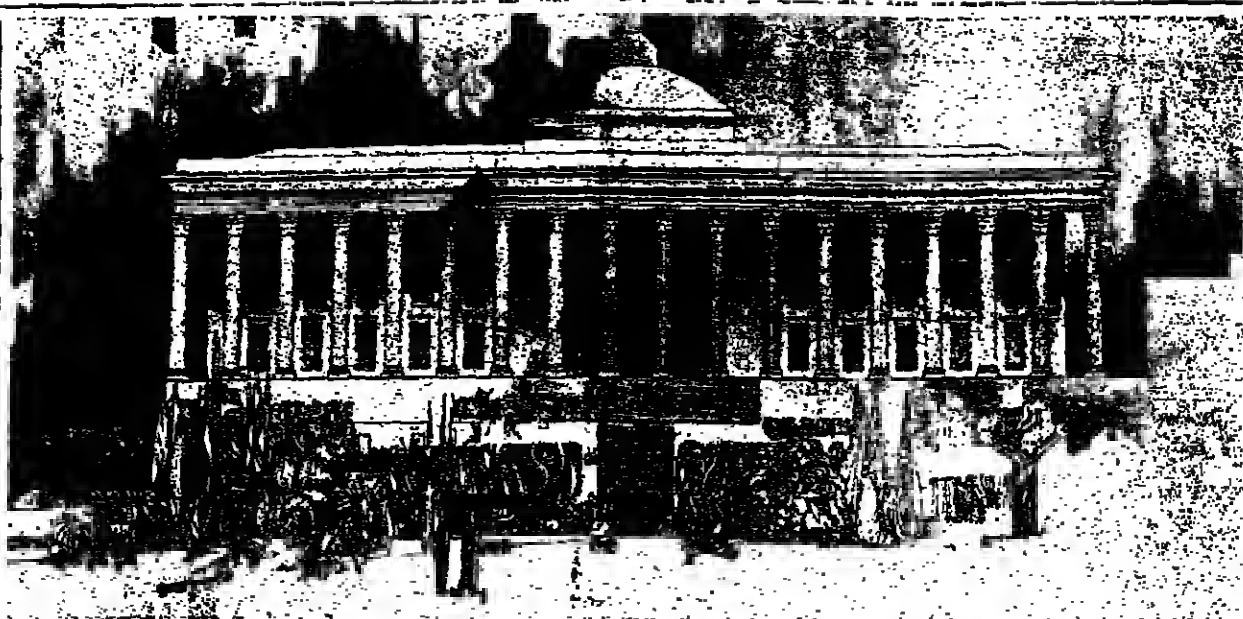
Roth was released on \$100 bond and Hirsch on her personal recognizance.

recognition after they surrendered on March 25. They are scheduled to appear in court for a hearing on April 28.

An estimated 50 to 800 persons consider themselves members of the Weather Underground. Authorities are looking for 17 of them, including five who starred in a documentary movie released last year — Bernardine Doherty, Mark Rudd, William Ayres, Cathy Wilkerson and Kathy Boudin.

Roth was a leader of Students for a Democratic Society with Rudd at Columbia University 10 years ago.

The Underground is suspected of carrying out more than a dozen bombings or acts of political sabotage. There have been no bombings in the past year, however.



Artist's impression of the Baha'i Universal Hall of Justice.

New Baha'i landmark being built

HAIFA. — On the slopes of Mt. Carmel overlooking the sea, construction has started on the seat of the Universal House of Justice of the Baha'i faith. The large, Greek-style, marble-fronted building, to stand inside the Baha'i Gardens, will accommodate the supreme legislative body of the faith and the administrative centre of the Baha'is, who have their world centre in Haifa.

The building, which is to be completed in 1980, is to cost \$18m. "at a conservative estimate," to be paid for by voluntary contributions by Baha'is from all over the world. John Wads of the world centre, and Ian Semple, member of the building committee, told The Jerusalem Post in an interview.

They said that the building, designed by Baha'i architect Hussein Amanat of Iran, is planned to be "impressive for centuries," but will be so fitted into the Carmel mountainside as to leave the nearby gold-domed Baha'i Shrine its position of

dominance, though the new building will be higher up the Carmel.

The large building, 63 metres long, 24 wide and 25.5 high, will also be topped by a dome, and will have a green tiled roof.

It will be surrounded by a colonnade of 58 columns, each 11 metres high. The columns are being made from white Greek marble, from the same quarry and of the same kind as that used in the Athens Parthenon.

The fluted columns, topped by intricate capitals, are being made in Italy, as only there are such marble craftsmen still available, though the marble had to be acquired in Greece, the only source for so large a quantity. The same white marble will also face the whole building, and cover its dome.

The building is being constructed by the Paul S. Goldschmidt contracting company of Haifa, which won the tender for the job, believed to be one of the most costly ever here.

Semple and Wads said the building

will have five and a half storeys, be completely air conditioned and have room for the future installation of "whatever technologies may be developed during the coming century."

The facilities will include a large vault for the storing of the precious documents of the faith, specially equipped to preserve the papers.

There will be room for the House of Justice, which now comprises nine members, but may be enlarged up to 19, and their staff; a large reception hall for Baha'i pilgrims to Haifa; a council chamber; a research department and many other halls and rooms for various purposes, present and future. The inside of the building will be "quite simple" except for some marble floors and occasional Persian carpets.

In order not to mar the character of the building, the 50-car parking lot will be underground. "We expect the building to become a permanent landmark in Haifa," the two said.

Grants in memory of E.D. Bergmann

Prizes and research grants in the name of the late Hebrew University Prof. Ernst David Bergmann totalling IL\$600,000 have been presented to scientists and researchers throughout Israel at a ceremony at Beit Hanassi.

From the Ernst David Bergmann research fund at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 11 prizes and grants totalling half a million pounds were presented to the following Hebrew University scientists:

Prof. Uriel Bachrach and Dr. Yehudit Elkana (molecular biology); Prof. Yitzhak Beriman and Prof. Albert Zilkha (physics and organic chemistry); Dr. Chaim Gilon (organic chemistry); Prof. Eliezer Greenblatt and Dr. Dan Shapira (parasitology); Dr. Nissim Garty (Casali Institute of Applied Chemistry); Prof. Floyd Tuler and Prof. Valler Dahan (School of Applied Science and Technology); Department of Physics; Prof. Shaul Yafetz (physics); Prof. Noam Lahav (soil science); Dr. Adam Friedman (genetics); Prof. Michael Schieber

(School of Applied Science and Technology); Dr. Yoel Saseon (Casali Institute).

From the U.S.-Israel Bi-National Science Foundation, two grants of IL\$20,000 each were awarded to Dr. Zvi Grossman of the Department of Applied Mathematics, Weizmann Institute of Science, and Dr. Arthur Lampert of the National Heart and Lung Institute, National Institutes of Health in the U.S., who soon will be a visiting scientist at the Weizmann Institute.

Prizes and grants in the name of the late Prof. Bergmann were presented by the David Institute (Raphael) to Dr. Mecha Aviner; by Ben-Gurion University of the Negev to Prof. Ya'acov Beckenstein (physics); and by the Weizmann Institute to Prof. Emanuel Gilav.

The ceremony was attended by Chaim Bergmann, wife of the late Prof. Bergmann, relatives, friends, students and heads of institutions of higher learning in Israel. President Ephraim Katzir addressed the audience.

Danish parliament given deadline for labour bill

COPENHAGEN (AP). — Prime Minister Anker Joergensen's minority Social-Democratic government yesterday gave Parliament 24 hours to ram through a bill designed to avert a nationwide labour conflict that could begin crippling Denmark by midnight tonight.

The government quickly introduced a bill that will make a draft labour-contract proposal law. That proposal was overruled by the unions but equally strongly rejected by the employers last Wednesday.

The government's move presented many non-Socialists, reluctant to side with the unions and government against the employers, with a tough dilemma. The government did not say so in introducing the bill, but failure of Parliament to adopt the bill would throw Denmark not only into its worst post-war labour conflict, but also almost inevitably into general elections.

The elections and the election campaign would have to be held in a nation paralysed by strikes and lockouts involving at least 250,000 workers. Already, only a handful of newspapers — chiefly Social-Democratic, Communist or left-leaning — are publishing because of a conflict with the printers' unions.

Cairo wants to repatriate Jews who left, officials say

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt is studying how to repatriate Egyptian Jews now living in Israel or other countries, senior Ministry of Interior officials said yesterday.

The bulk of Egyptian Jewry formerly lived in Egypt and left as a result of Arab-Israeli wars have been allowed to visit the country recently and authorities are looking into means of allowing the return of those who want to reside in Egypt and take up their Egyptian citizenship again, they said.

The move comes at a time Egypt is trying to show it is a moderate power. Western Arab country willing to live in peace with Israel if a Middle East settlement can be negotiated, diplomatic sources said.

There are currently more than 400 Jews in Egypt, according to community leaders. The average age is 65. They say they are largely left

alone by Egyptian authorities. In 1948 there were 80,000 Egyptian Jews who formed a prosperous class of bankers, lawyers, merchants.

The bulk of Egyptian Jewry after the 1948 Sinai Campaign, the Six Day War, several hundred Jews were interned in and then expelled.

Scores of families left for and the rest for Europe.

The Palestine Liberation Organization has been urging countries to repatriate their Jewish citizens now living in Israel. This would mean the Arab war with Israel for religious considerations, but rather see regain a homeland for Palestinians and liberate territory from Israel, the PLO

Libyans barred from leaving Egypt

CAIRO (UPI). — Egypt has prohibited Libyans, including diplomats, from leaving the country, a Libyan embassy spokesman said yesterday.

The ban went into effect "three or four days ago" and the Egyptian foreign ministry informed the embassy of it verbally, without giving a reason for the action.

The spokesman said an embassy courier has been prevented three times from flying to Tripoli since the ban took effect.

The ban was the latest salvo in a political feud which began in the summer of 1975, when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat rejected a bid by Libyan leader Colonel Muam-

mar Gaddafi for an immediate merger of the two countries. Relations deteriorated following the Yom Kippur War, Gaddafi denouncing Sadat's East peace policy.

The spokesman estimated the number of Libyans now in Egypt at about 200,000, and said they were living in Cairo and Alexandria.

Asked whether Libya had a role in the Egyptian political situation, the spokesman said: "The information we have from our government now is that all Egyptians are leaving our country at any time."

Probe of Heykal's business deals

CAIRO (UPI). — Mohammed Hassanin Heykal, former influential editor of the semi-official "Al-Ahram" newspaper, will be investigated for alleged illegal commercial dealings involving the import and sale of luxury goods at exorbitant prices, "Al Gomhouria" reported yesterday.

Heykal's activities came to light, the newspaper said, when the director of the government-owned Tax-Free Shop Company, Mohammed Lehelta, was arrested for allegedly embezzling 800,000 Egyptian pounds (\$750,000).

Initial investigation shows the company and "Al-Ahram" jointly importing luxury goods including perfumes and watches in 1968 and 1969 and then selling at exorbitant prices.

Heykal was editor and chairman of "Al-Ahram" at the time. He lost his job in 1974 after articles critical of President Sadat's policies.

Late President Abdel Nasser had been informed of the illegal deal and ordered an investigation, which was never carried out.

U.S. tractor firm opposes Arab boycott

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — The Caterpillar Tractor Co. has gone on record in opposition to the Arab boycott of Israeli products; the annual stockholders meeting was told on Wednesday.

Caterpillar officials released a position paper outlining the company's opposition to "artificial trade barriers." The statement said the firm intends to continue doing business with both Israel and the Arab countries.

"We deplore the boycott," said W.L. Nauann, chairman of the board. "However, the company has no alternative" other than to abide by the demands of Arab countries that goods shipped to them be brought in on carriers not of Israeli origin or ownership. The Arab countries also refuse to accept shipments from carriers that have stopped at Israeli ports.

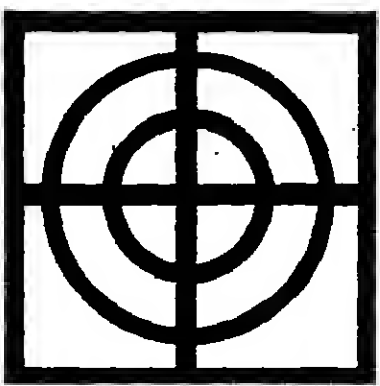
blanket endorsement of anti-boycott legislation. "Significant weakening of the competitive position in the world, while having little or no effect on the Arab boycott of Israel," the statement said.

The position paper was put by demands from members of American Jewish Congress, which with proxies from stockholders the company detail its past stockholders. The congress has prompted more than 100 corporations to go on record in opposition to the boycott.

QUAKE — Bulgaria said yesterday the March 4 earthquake that killed 120 persons, most of them in the northern parts of the country, was caused by a rupture of the Danube close to the Ruse area, close to the Ruse area, close to the Ruse area.



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its stalled arms limitations talks

S.-Soviet summit seen likely

WASHINGTON — President Jimmy Carter's National Security Assistant said a summit meeting with Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev even before the signing of the SALT II nuclear weapons agreement is possible. In fact, Zbigniew Brzezinski told a group of reporters yesterday, there is a "presumption" that Carter and Brezhnev will meet sometime this month and a date remains to be set.

Brzezinski said, it would be an idea to "decouple" the conclusion of U.S. agreements. Combining the too much pressure on the U.S. and is counterproductive, he said. He made it clear, that this is not yet the view within the Carter administration.

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In his speech, Brown carried forward the Carter Administration's refined for use in nuclear weapons. He also said he would seek international agreements to prevent other nations from obtaining breeder reactors and uranium reprocessing plants that produce plutonium.

The conference resolution said most countries see nuclear power as the only route to energy independence. For those countries which do not have large uranium resources, this independence can come only with breeder reactors that convert scarce enriched uranium into plutonium, which generates power by splitting up spontaneously. It also said Carter's proposed restrictions are not effective deterrents to the spread of nuclear weapons, and contended that Carter's plans to restrict the dissemination of breeder technology unilaterally abrogated the section of the nuclear weapons non-proliferation treaty that promotes the free flow of nuclear know-how.

en changes mind, will Rhodesia after all

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — British Secretary David Owen yesterday said he would visit Rhodesia during his current African tour aimed at becoming the first British minister in six years to order British colony that declared independence.

Foreign Secretary hadn't visited Rhodesia during his shuttle through southern Africa, but he changed his mind after consultations here on his visit with Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith and his South African counterpart, John Vorster. Owen had been pressed by Smith to visit the black nationalist state before returning to London on Sunday night.

n breaks ties with Taiwan

BEIJING (AP) — China's ad hoc diplomatic presence in the East yesterday when announced it was breaking diplomatic relations with Taiwan and an embassy in Peking.

China leaves staunchly anti-Saudi Arabia as the only one in the region which still has full relations with the People's Republic, but Taiwan still maintains an office in Tripoli.

to completion of a weapons treaty. When negotiations failed, Brezhnev stayed home.

Brzezinski said it was Brezhnev's turn to visit and it was "taken for granted" that at some point a meeting will be held. He said he did not think the Soviets were prepared to veer from détente toward a "cold war."

Meanwhile, Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin made his second trip to the White House in two days to have what was described as a "working lunch" with Brzezinski. The unannounced visit was arranged to follow up on talks Dobrynin had on Tuesday with Carter, Brzezinski, Vance and Vice President Walter Mondale.

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In his speech, Brown carried forward the Carter Administration's

arguments for its arms control package rejected by the Russians two weeks ago.

The preferred proposal, Brown said, is a comprehensive package which for the first time would call for a "real and politically meaningful reduction in strategic nuclear forces." A key element of that package would allow down weapons advances that, if unchecked, could lead to either side gaining a significant advantage in nuclear power, Brown said.

The Soviet press yesterday reiterated the official Soviet rejection of the U.S. proposals on arms limitations and said any new agreement would have to be worked out within the framework of the Vladivostok accords.

The Soviet Communist Party daily "Pravda" devoted over half a page to an editorial on the arms negotiations and said the proposals presented by Secretary Vance in Moscow "cannot be the subject of serious discussion."

"Pravda" said that the deep cuts proposed by the U.S. did not take into consideration "a number of factors prejudicial to the Soviet Union," such as forward-based nuclear systems in Europe, American carrier-borne aircraft and the possession of nuclear weapons by U.S. allies.

The proposal would also give the green light to American development and deployment of cruise missiles with a range of 8,000 kilometres, "Pravda" said. (A UPI)

U.S. observers placed aboard Soviet trawlers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. has placed observers on eight Soviet trawlers fishing off the Atlantic coast, the Commerce Department said.

One American official boarded each ship on Monday, the department's National Marine Fisheries Service said. Four other Americans were on board Japanese crab ships in the Bering Sea off Alaska, it said.

They are the first of 180 observers who will go on board foreign ships operating in the new U.S. 200-mile zone.

Last week, the U.S. Coast Guard seized two Russian fishing ships in the 200-mile zone for violating U.S. fishing laws. The two ships are being held in Boston, pending legal action.

Foreign ships that want to fish in the 200-mile zone will have to allow observers on board to monitor the observance of U.S. laws on the type and amount of fish which may be caught.

Gaddafi reported ready to back killing of Sadat

LONDON (JTA) — A proposal by Libyan Col. Muammar Gaddafi to assassinate President Sadat of Egypt was disclosed at last month's Palestine National Council meeting in Cairo.

According to "Arabia and the Gulf," a new Middle East political weekly published here, Gaddafi's proposal was revealed by Abu Iyad, second-in-command of Fatah, during an argument with members of the Palestinian Rejection Front.

Ahu Iyad is said to have recalled that the Rejection Front had once approached Colonel Gaddafi about assassinating King Hussein of Jordan. Gaddafi reportedly told the Palestinians that "international relations at the moment will not permit any such attempt on King Hussein, but we are willing to support any attempt on the life of President Sadat."

No clues in kidnapping

PARIS (AP) — Police said yesterday they had no clues and only vague information in their search for four armed men who kidnapped Luciano Revelli-Beaumont, managing director of the French and Brazilian branches of Fiat, the giant Italian auto company.

Revelli-Beaumont was overpowered outside his home on Wednesday evening. The gunmen beat his chauffeur with their pistol butts.

'Meinhof group' claims credit for assassinations

FRANKFURT (AP) — A group calling itself Kommando Ulrike Meinhof claimed responsibility yesterday for the slayings of Federal Prosecutor Siegfried Buback and two aides last week.

In a letter to the German-language service of the Associated Press, the group enclosed the copy of a rental contract for the motorcycle on which the assassins rode.

The motorcycle was found abandoned hours after Buback and his car were sprayed with sub-machinegun fire. Buback and his driver died instantly and a police officer who headed the prosecutor's security detail was fatally wounded.

Buback headed the prosecution of members of the Baader-Meinhof gang who were convicted on charges of slaying four U.S. servicemen in West Germany.

Pakistani envoy to Athens quits

ATHENS (UPI) — Pakistani Ambassador Gul Hassan resigned his post yesterday — the second Pakistani diplomat to quit in protest against his nation's Premier, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

General Hassan told the press he had sent Bhutto a cable saying: "I resign in the hope this gesture of mine will add some weight to those millions of our nationals who have had just about enough of your government, which can be rightly termed of Bhutto, by Bhutto, and for Bhutto."

Former Pakistani air force chief, Gen. Abdur Rahim Khan, resigned as ambassador to Spain on Wednesday.

Hassan, 56, who was chief of the Pakistani army until March 3, 1972, said he told Bhutto:

"You have precipitated calamitous conditions in the country resulting in wanton killings, destruction of property, and violation of human rights only to perpetuate yourself in office."

Hassan, who has been in Athens about two years, said he would return to Pakistan in the near future because "I am not afraid my life there will be in danger."

Mao's fifth book off the presses

TOKYO (AP) — The fifth volume of Mao Tse-tung's works has just come off the presses and the first batch of 10 million books will be distributed nationwide today, Hsinhua News Agency announced.

The party central committee has ordered the Chinese people to devote themselves to studying Mao's writings and speeches as a means of countering the radical influence of the "Gang of Four." The disgraced group — Mao's widow, Chiang Ching, and her three associates — is accused of seeking to overthrow the new party chairman, Hua Kuo-feng. The four have been under arrest since last October.

Mao's fifth volume covers only the period between 1949 and 1957. The announcement said that "some necessary technical editing of the records of the speeches was done in the course of compilation." The publishing feat, seven months after Mao's death last September, was carried out by a committee headed by Hua, with Marshal Yeh Chien-ying as vice-chairman, and members and alternate members of the party politburo.

Mummy of Okla. bandit to be 'laid to rest'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elmer McCurdy's wanderings are over, it was announced Wednesday, 66 years after the Oklahoma outlaw was shot down. His home will get a "quiet and dignified" burial.

His mummified corpse, masquerading as a dummy in a carnival in Long Beach when it was discovered last year, had been thought to be McCurdy's. But not until Wednesday, when skeleton specialists compared detailed photographs taken in 1911 with current photos, was the identification made positive. The hard-drinking outlaw was shot down October 7, 1911, after an hour-long gun battle with a posse. Shortly before, he had robbed a train he thought was carrying a large amount of money.

Sir Charles Chaplin turns 88 tomorrow

VEVEY, Switzerland (Reuter). — Sir Charles Chaplin, the street urchin from London who was probably the world's most popular comedian and one of the great originators of the cinema, will be 88 years old tomorrow.

The famous "tramp" now lives in an 18-room mansion here, with a huge lawn and a private wood. But then, despite his baggy trousers and shabby jacket, oversized boots and tiny bowler, Charlie Chaplin has always been "a gentleman, a poet and a dreamer."

Now a frail, white-haired man, confined to a wheelchair much of the time, he lives in the mansion high above the Lake Geneva shore in complete retirement. Only his family and close friends visit him.

Occasionally, the most famous and most private inhabitant of Corsier village above Vevey can be seen in this lakeside town as his wife wheels him along the promenade or through the park on sunny days.

There are also outings in the family to Rolle-Royce, sightseeing in the countryside around Vevey. Once a year, Sir Charles goes to the circus, when the Swiss National Troupe visits the town each autumn.

But his main pleasures are family gatherings of his nine surviving children and 10 grandchildren. Two of his children are still teenagers, Annette and the youngest,



Christopher, born when Charlie Chaplin was 73, still lives at home and attend local schools.

Film stars Deborah Kerr, James Mason and Claire Bloom are among the close friends who have kept in touch with the Chaplins since he made the last of his 80 films in 1967.

Members of the Chaplin household were unable to say whether his 88th birthday will be marked by anything more than family celebrations. The anniversary has usually been the occasion for a small party, including his favourite cake.

His 80th birthday was due to pass

without fuss until, on the spur of the moment, he had decided to organize an open-air champagne party and invited the local mayor and village policeman to the mansion. On other birthdays the local schoolchildren have been invited along to sing him Swiss folksongs.

Old age has brought trouble with his memory. His speech is now halting and he rarely speaks of the past outside his family.

But Charlie Chaplin, as he still likes to be called despite his knighthood awarded in 1975, still believes "Monsieur Verdoux" — the story of a murderer made in 1947, and the first film in his 53-year career to be a financial failure — was his best.

In contrast to most of the silent cinema's great comers, Chaplin ensured he kept the copyright of his films and maintained a strict control on their release.

While a multi-millionaire with a reputation for parsimony and one of the sharpest business minds in the cinema, Chaplin has been a passionate advocate of social equality and left-wing causes.

Even his tramp character played on the contradictions of human character: Chaplin once described his creation as "a tramp, a gentleman, a poet, a dreamer, a lonely fellow, always hopeful of romance and adventure."

Spain bans rallies on anniversary

MADRID — The Spanish government banned demonstrations and political rallies yesterday to forestall trouble on the 48th anniversary of the Republic, which General Franco defeated in the 1936-1939 civil war.

Political parties were told of the two-day ban by the Interior Ministry. The measure also appears aimed at averting possible clashes between leftists and rightists following legalisation of the Communist Party, a move which provoked the navy minister's resignation earlier this week.

But Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez seems to have weathered the crisis, since top army officers have grudgingly accepted his decision to give the Communists political legality.

The navy minister, Admiral Gabriel Pita de Veiga, resigned on Monday, two days after the government decision on the Communists was announced.

Admiral Enrique Amador Franco, the undersecretary of the merchant marine and a distant cousin of the late General Franco, also resigned on Wednesday.

Monarchist newspaper publisher Torcuato Luca de Tena gave up his seat in parliament yesterday in protest against the Communists' legal status. He had been appointed a parliamentary deputy by Franco. In a letter to Suarez, he said the

government had broken a promise to Parliament that the Communist Party would not be legalised.

Suarez yesterday named Admiral Pascual Perey Junquera, a political moderate, as navy minister. In place of Pita de Veiga, a Francoist.

Perey Junquera is attached to the merchant fleet. His appointment was the first official confirmation that Pita de Veiga had resigned, although the government did not bother to deny published reports he had quit.

The premier, juggling what a newspaper called the worst crisis of the post-Franco era, scheduled a Cabinet session for today, apparently to present the new navy head. (Reuter, AP, UPI)

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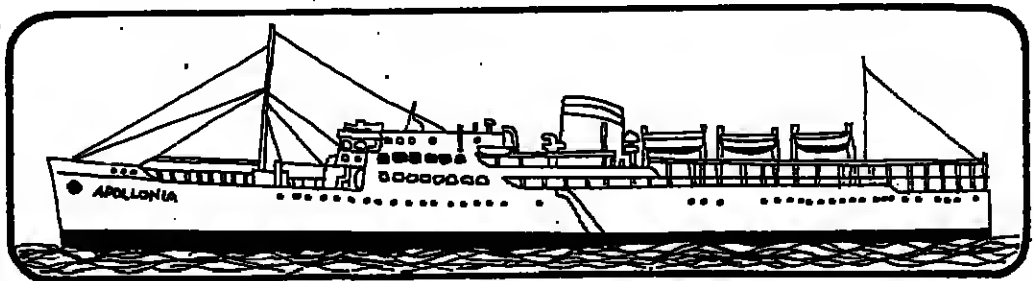
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Happy Bluesman

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

"THEY SAY that only 16 per cent of all the people in the world are doing what they really want to do: I'm one of them."

So says top Blues musician Memphis Slim, currently on his fourth tour of Israel. If the term "blues" has melancholic associations, Memphis Slim is in total contradiction to the type of music he plays. He is one of the warmest, happiest and relaxed of men: better still, his mood is infectious.

"People think of Blues as being all sad and touching — but you've got to have humour, too," he says. "I'm not bitter at all about anything. Everything that's happened to me in my life turned out for the best, even if I thought it was bad at the time."

"What were my hardest times? Probably when I first came to Chicago from Memphis, trying to make my first record. Or when I was humiliated as a hobo and a hitchhiker in the late 'thirties. Almost all the other hobos I knew were white... but there was absolutely no discrimination. When there was something to eat, we all sat down and shared it out. In retrospect, those were not the worst times, but the very best."

In those days, he was Peter Chatman, a lanky, six-foot-four blues pianist, composer and singer. A record company agent dreamed up the name Memphis Slim for the slim Memphis boy, whose career began in the night clubs of Chicago. In 1946 he started his own group, The House Rockers, and then formed a team with singer-composer Willy Dixon, working with him right through the 'fifties.

It was in 1963, on his way to Britain and France for his first European appearances, that Memphis first visited Israel.

"This is the only country in the world where, from the first minute I arrived, I felt that I had been here before. Somehow I knew just how everything was going to look without ever having seen it. Perhaps I do believe in reincarnation... as far as I can trace, my ancestors came from Memphis in Egypt... perhaps I really have been here before."

"The other country where I really feel I am getting through to my audience is Romania. At that time, 'People here in Israel really come to listen. Another reason why I like Israel is that they all sing. Like the

black American slaves of 200 years ago, they have problems, they want to sing about them. Every country has its own blues, they just call them by different names."

After that first visit to Israel, Memphis arrived in Paris with bass player Willy Dixon flat broke. A friend arranged for him to appear at the Trois Mallets club; he found himself packing in overflow audiences every night and to this day it remains his base in France, where he now lives permanently. The club also has another sentimental attachment for him — it was there that he met his French wife. "She knew nothing about music, but later on I made her my impresario."

For the past 16 years, since he settled in France, Memphis has been working as "a missionary of Blues. My job is to go around teaching and telling and playing. I could be playing any other kind of music, but since I was eight years old, I knew that this was what I wanted to be doing."

Memphis Slim believes that Blues, spirituals and gospel songs are all closely connected. All have the same soulful meaning, he says, all are asking or thanking for something and giving praise. Black religious people dispute his theory. "They say 'Blues come from the Devil, the gospel comes from God.' I say they are all gifts from God."

For many years, he has been thinking about writing a book. "When I told my good friend James Baldwin, he said, 'Go ahead, but tell the truth and tell it all.' I didn't feel able to do that myself. Instead, I am working on a new album, a substitute for a book in the medium in which I am capable of expressing myself."

To be called "Story of the Blues," the album will trace the evolution of this music from the time when it was a form of communication between black slaves in the plantations, a language white men didn't understand, but fellow slaves did. He plans to record in the Arkansas State Penitentiary where he says the prisoners sing the most beautiful songs. They have no instruments, use their working tools as accompaniment — right back where the Blues all started. He also plans to visit Memphis Church and sing together with the choir there, and to write gospel-type music with Blues lyrics for the album.



Memphis Slim

"This is something I've been thinking about for years. I want it to include lots of artists, not necessarily big names. I want to do something with the Golden Gate Group, and up perhaps with a modern Blues saxophone artist like Johnny Griffin. And of course some loud pop must be included. The name 'pop' is just a commercial invention, but it is undoubtedly an evolution of Blues."

"What I object to is American black musicians being divided into 'pop' or 'soul', when they are all singing the same thing. Nowadays 'soul' just means black, because young singers are ashamed of using the term 'blues'."

"Another thing I hate is electronic music. I am prepared to incorporate electronic elements in my music, but often, because of commercial interests, electronics are used to substitute for real music. Due to technicalities, singers are forced to use playback, that is no way of truly coming through to your audience."

Here in Israel, Memphis Slim will be making 20 appearances in all, between now and April 26. Last weekend he participated in the Nuweiba Festival, and he will also be accompanied at some of his concerts by the Black Hebrews of Dimona, whose music and philosophy is very much to his liking.

Generally, he says, he dislikes appearing at festivals where no one really listens, where they come to fool around, drink, smoke pot and whatever. He prefers to appear in very large halls, normally accompanied just by his drummer, Michel Dennis. "Even if there are 5,000 people

in an auditorium, I know I can have them all in the palm of my hand. How? I suppose it's a kind of mental telepathy. It's not something I was always able to do, but today I know I can, perhaps because I'm more relaxed, more confident."

"People find it impossible to believe that I can get through to a huge audience without doing, without drink. I say, if you need that you're phoney. There were days when I needed to drink a lot of whisky before a performance. But Europe cured me of that. I found that audiences there were so receptive, I could manage without drinking. Today, the only time I drink is when there's something to celebrate. Getting your music over is a two-way thing — you've got to work for the audience, and they have to work for you too."

Prior to Memphis Slim's arrival here, a not-so-subtle innuendo in his local press agent's release implied that since, at the age of 62, he was considering retiring from stage appearances, this might be the best chance Israeli audiences would have of hearing him live.

To which he answers: "Retirement? I would never stop. I love to travel and shall continue to do so for many years to come. I sincerely hope, I hope to open my own club in Paris soon, where I feel there's a need for a good Blues piano bar where people can just sit and listen to the story of the Blues. There is no substitute for spontaneous, live music and song. Or conversation for that matter. And I've enjoyed this interview very much. Thank you."

To which I can only reply "Thank you too, Memphis Slim. Likewise."

THREE overseas dance companies are to come here for the Israel Festival (July 16 to August 15) — and Galina and Valery Panov will return for the event.

The Panovs will appear as guest stars with the Batsheva Dance Company (Jerusalem July 18, Tel Aviv July 20, Haifa July 21).

Of the overseas companies, "Ballet van Vlaanderen" has already been announced in these columns. The others are the "Grand Ballet de Tahiti" (Tel Aviv July 26, 27, Jerusalem July 28, Haifa July 29) and the Carolyn Carlson Dance Theatre of the Paris Opera (Tel Aviv July 30, 31, Jerusalem August 1, Haifa August 2, Caesarea August 3).

The Festival dance programme will also include a presentation of Israeli folk dances by Kibbutz and other groups (Tel Aviv August 3, Caesarea August 4) the Bat-Dor Dance Company in new items; and the Israeli (Classical) Ballet.

Meanwhile, on April 23 the Bat-Dor company will present in Jerusalem two new ballets by Israeli choreographer Domy Reiter Soffer as well as a new work by American-Dutch choreographer Charles Czarny.

The Batsheva Dance Company in association with the Rubin Academy in Jerusalem has just completed a first-time "Spring Seminar" to

DANCE / Dora Sowden Summer guests

which one of Europe's dynamic personalities, Jeanne Brabant, came almost unannounced. From her gentle appearance and slight figure, one would not guess that she helped to form and is the driving director of the Flemish company and also one of its choreographers.

Jeanne Brabant will present her Ballet van Vlaanderen at Caesarea on August 6, 7; in Tel Aviv on August 8 and 9; and in Jerusalem on August 10. The programmes in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv will include four of her own works, three by Andre Leclair (chief choreographer of the company) and one by British choreographer Jack Carter. The Caesarea programme will also include John Butler's "Kaleidoscope" and Leclair's "Dagada and Chikara". In a lecture on Belgian dance, Jeanne Brabant explained how the three major companies — "Ballet de

Wallonie," "Ballet van Vlaanderen" and Maurice Bejart's "20th Century Ballet" came into being. She said that the Walloon and Flemish companies were an outcome of the language situation in Belgium. Though she stressed that Bejart's "fabulous" work, she was critic his policy of presenting only his works and having mostly for dancers. The "Ballet van Vlaanderen" follows the Vaga technique — and Jeanne Brabant gave classes during her stay (see Jeanne Brabant of France).

Horst Kogler lectured at seminar on "Dancing into Abyss." He gave a summary, dance development in Germany his theory of what happened with advent of Nazism. In the 1920's big names in Europe were Dale and Laban, followed by Wigman, Hanya Holm, Kurt Hensler and Gertrud E. Kroeber. He said that to this country Kogler's view of Laban's ideas collective experience and "choreography" led to the march rhythm of the Party machine. When Laban realised what he had perfected, "he fled from Germany and Kogler. In June Kogler moved from Cologne where he has lived freelance music and dance critic become music editor of "Stuttgarter Zeitung."

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS / Yohanan Boehm

Full houses

THE PASSOVER Music Festival at Ein Gev has just closed its 34th season, and this time seems to have been more lively than ever as far as audience attendance and enthusiasm were concerned. All the nine events, (splitting the kibbutz marathon into its four components) had full and good houses, with the Bernstein-IPO concert completely overflowing.

The acoustics of the ESCO Centre are still very good, so that the overpopulation accorded some programmes was more of an impairment than a help. The chairs seem to have become harder over the years (or is it we who have become more sensitive?). The birds are still an integral part of the proceedings — participating at will in the musical offerings. Interestingly enough, when the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra performed the "Ein Gev" piece by Tartus, the birds were twittering away excitedly, for the Beethoven Concerto and the Brahms Symphony they exercised stony silence — involvement — criticism — or acoustical reflexes?

As is customary, no event started on time, but the record was broken on the last night, when the actual musical programme began after ten o'clock, as the elders of the kibbutz movement had decided on their own to celebrate their 50th anniversary as part of the evening's programme. Encouragingly, the cultural forces of the movement participate more and more in the festival's offerings, but a festival is a festival and should be held as such, in particular, as large groups of foreign tourists attend these events, and politics and electioneering should be kept out of cultural occasions.

This year, no popular entertainment or pop were on the bill, and it was heartening to have this replaced by the "Gevatron" ensemble recalling the tunes and atmosphere of better times and to see how the mostly young audience took to it with all their heart.

Two suggestions: as there are many non-Hebrew speaking people attending, would it not be appropriate to have announcements made in English as well? Also, the programme booklets should include explanatory notes on works performed and, perhaps, on artists and groups involved for the enlightenment of the audience. Surely, a sponsor could be found to pay for the extra expenses, or a payment should be charged.

As for the general programming: the Ein Gev Festival depends entirely on what is available in the country — its budget never allows it to invite foreign artists to come only for the festival; and so it is that the Jerusalem Symphony, the Israel Philharmonic, one of the local dance companies and, lately, the artistic ensembles of the kibbutz movement have become the standard fixtures of the festival performances, augmented by whoever happens to be around the country. Perhaps, the "Spring in Jerusalem" Festival could provide Ein Gev with some high quality events in the future. Incidentally, this Festival has the singular distinction that its director, Yacov Steinberger (a founding member of Ein Gev) has run it uninterruptedly all these 34 years and will continue to do so, we hope, for a long time to come.

It is apparent that the Programme Committee does not seem to exercise much if any influence on the individual programmes or determine the general tenor of the offerings. Thus it happened that this year events began with "Trouble in Tahiti" and other Bernsteiniana, hardly a festive opening. The only direct association was the inclusion of Tartus "Ein Gev," a symphonic poem written specifically for the kibbutz and its historic stand over the years. Then we were overwhelmed with programmes of preponderant Jewish religious music: Moshe Regavim, Bach's "Jesu, my Friend," "Christ is a Todesbanden," and Mozart with an Offertorium and a Te Deum — surely, all beautiful music by partisan attitudes. Nobody would ever think that this great work should not be performed and list to in Israel (we would be much poorer without it), but the Vaga technique and its influence on the music is an important point to be taken into account.

One might be induced to see significance in the fact that formerly most popular event — army bands and entertainment groups — has been replaced by kibbutz programmes; this may respond to the fact that the audience has also changed a lot — there very few soldiers among the ar and security arrangements, as previous years, are hardly visit necessary anymore. It is to be hoped that this trend towards "demilitarisation" will continue and the kibbutzniks will take more of the festival's program. But they should not forget the festival at Ein Gev is intended cater for the taste and the expectations of a varied audience including tourists, and their attitude and presentation should try to transcend the confines of kibbutz and present their contribution within the larger context of the growing cultural life and aspects.

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— Lighting of Memorial Lights in the home
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AT JERUSALEM'S SPRING FESTIVAL

Circus of a play and other offerings

By HAIM SHAPIRO

FOR 20 YEARS "Waiting for Godot" has been directed as a serious play and with the passing of the years it took on the aura of a classic — that is, until Samuel Beckett took it upon himself to direct the Schiller Theatre production of his own play.

This is why Avital Mossinson, director of the "Spring in Jerusalem" Festival, considers the play to be the most important of the performances being offered from Wednesday on. According to Mossinson, Beckett noted that when he waits, he is far from being bored — he eats, he amuses himself, he makes love. And the result is that his production of "Waiting for Godot" is far from the dreary "classic" some directors have made it. Beckett's new Godot is a circus, Mossinson says.

On the other hand, the play, presented in German, is sufficiently well known to keep audiences from being put off by any possible language difficulty. A more novel solution to the language problem is present in "Sacco" a play being presented at the Festival by Club Teatro di Roma. It is a play without words. Mossinson considers the group one of the most advanced in the world.

"Sacco" is a drama with two actors, five kilos of potatoes, a large stone, some wooden rods and a live white mouse. The two protagonists,



A scene from "Waiting for Godot," directed by its author, Samuel Beckett.

who are also the authors, present a drama which they believe will speak universally to audiences everywhere in the world, without regard for language, sex or nationality.

On a more prosaic level, Mossinson believes that Enghab is no problem for Israeli audiences, and of the 10 theatre performances, four of them are in English. The noted English actor and author Emyln Williams, too, is considered one of the

performances — "As Charles Dickens" and "As Dylan Thomas." Williams too, is considered one of the more interesting actors of our time.

More conventional, solid theatre is provided by the Knesset Theatre of England, which is presenting "Dear Liar," a play based on the correspondence between George Bernard Shaw and Mrs. Patrick Campbell. The play not only provides an intimate insight into the

relationship between the two, it also provides an overview of the historical period.

This leaves the puppets and mimes, most of which can be enjoyed by adults and children alike. Perhaps the most intriguing of these is the Compagnie Philippe Genty, which utilizes virtually every type of puppet. Japanese puppets with Czech sleeve puppets in which the movers are dressed in black. In addition

there are marionettes, some with the movers seen, some with them unseen. Audiences will also be able to compare two of the world's foremost pantomimists — Julian Chagrin of England and Richard Morse of the U.S.

Mossinson warned, however, that there is one puppet production that is definitely not for the children. That is the "Dreigroechenoper" presented by the Arlequin Puppet Theatre of Austria. Puppets, in this case, definitely do not mean a juvenile-oriented performance, he said. The production is serious and forceful.

He stresses that the Festival is aimed at presenting as much as possible to the people of Jerusalem. Except for benefit performances, prices range from IL20 to IL50. In addition, there will be many more street performances, which will be free.

In fact, he noted, of the 150 street performances scheduled, only 40 will be held in the centre of town. The rest will be in such neighbourhoods as Kiryat Hayovel and the Katamonim.

When he talks of "Spring in Jerusalem," Mossinson gets a starry look in his eye. He constantly refers to the Edinburgh Festival. He admits there is no comparison — yet, but he looks forward to the day when, for a month, the entire city will seethe with theatrical events.

Le Pierrot from the puppets of Compagnie Philippe Genty.

A night to remember

TELEREVIEW / Philip Gillon

JODY has complained that it makes voyeurs of us all, depend on the box for our tragedies, our horrors, our titillations, our contacts with experience of all sorts. While I question whether things are much different for most — after all, lead mediocres, who lives — when they had to rely on radio to set the stage, charging through their before radio, on the press, admit that millions of people are at second-hand through eyes. Admit? I think a more word would be "assert," see viewers would never chance in their drah experience the extremes in happiness and sorrow, they can now share through series of J.L. Baird.

Last Thursday night, for in that was indeed a night to remember all our lives, and will to our grandchildren. We say that we fought at Agincourt, St. Crispin's Day, but we heart attacks identifying Jody and his warriors as the for Israel's first major trophy.

A few minutes after the game of glory, we shared the despair with a prime and former chief of staff, admit he had committed a act and to surrender the which he had fought so hard. Those of us who grew up in where basketball as such town — there was a game that played by our prim litt — have by now become ex-

actly, the team did not run sign according to our ideas, to a plan that was outlined cvers just before the game

ery grateful to Israel Televi providing us this time with expert pre-game and half-mmentaries. We were told a idea was to rattle the by man-for-man limpet during the first few minutes, which Maccabi would build d: because of their volatile mperaments, — even when Americans on hire — the would not recover their aire before it was too late. orecast proved to be ingly accurate. Even Bob couldn't take the Israeli

pressure. That first half was great stuff. Then came the Italian rally in the beginning of the second half, and many frantic calls must have gone out to the special heart ambulances in Israel. The nine-point lead disappeared into nothingness. Ha, said the hardened cynics, we have seen it so often before in Israeli sport — now we'll lose. But lo and behold! Ole Tal and long Jim Boatwright rallied our hopes, and there was Aulcie doing wonders underneath the basket, and Mickey shooting off from defence into attack — I tell you, on such a night it was good to be alive and an Israeli!

Of course, somebody will have noticed that all this is old hat, covered by our basketball reporter, who really understands basketball, but I feel it is my duty to give a minute by minute record of what the viewers saw and felt. The match will live long in the memory, just as we remember radio bringing us Joe Louis knocking out Nazi Max Schmelling in the first round and Ole Giffen (a nice Jewish boy) place-kicking South Africa to victory in a Rugby test.

From the technical television point of view, this was the best coverage we have had. First of all there was that expert commentary, then the coverage matched the sensations covered. Congratulations to all concerned.

WE WERE still buzzing with excitement while we toasted Tel Aviv Maccabi, still doing our post-mortem analyses of why everything went so right in the end, when poor Yitzhak Rabin came on to the screen to make his tragic announcement. I for one will always be grateful to him, not only for winning the Six Day War and for keeping our hospitals empty of soldiers during the last three years, but also for the gentlemanly touch of delaying his sad news till after the game. It would have been very disturbing to be worrying about his replacement as well as Aulcie's fouls.

Rabin, as so often before, looked serious and boyishly shy and awkward, rather than tragic. Yet his stolidity and stoicism made us all the more aware of how much he was suffering for his folly. His insistence that the fault was as much his as Lea's was very impressive, although the effect has been rather negated subsequently by the lady being thrown out of the troupe alone to feed the wolves.

It is, of course, no excuse for the Rabins that the law which they con-



Rooters in Belgrade.

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travened is an idiotic one, breached by every one of three million Israelis who can possibly get his or her little hands on some foreign currency. Can anybody possibly have gone abroad and managed on the official allowance? Yet hundreds of thousands of Israelis travel.

The so-called income tax reform that was to make all Israelis law-abiding only succeeded in increasing taxes for the honest and encouraging the dishonest to carry on in their wicked ways.

Little moral harpitude attaches to the Rabins for keeping a few dollars abroad to buy this or that little item when needed. Currency regulations are such artificial creations of

modern societies that the Forsytes and Onedins, for example, never dreamt that such barriers to freedom and happiness would ever be created. For that matter, only about three of the ten commandments really stir moral indignation in the majority of Israelis these days — you can have your pick which three I have in mind.

Yet the Rabins deserve to be punished for their stupidity in not putting the money in the name of a cousin or friend. And nobody is better placed than the prime minister to have such moronic laws amended.

A READER in Haifa has written to me to complain about "The Evacuees," the film about the Manchester children during the Second World War which I praised so highly last week. He says that the film is a tissue of lies composed by some Jewish or gentile anti-Semite. He himself was taken from Germany before the war to Blackpool, where his uncle was the head of the synagogue: he claims that the Blackpool Jewish community, consisting of rich merchants and hoteliers, was one of the best organized and most devoted in Great Britain. He remembers the excitement in the community when they heard that some Jewish children were to be brought from Manchester — a special gathering took place in the synagogue, homes were prepared for them, there was no such thing as these poor children being taken from gentle door to gentle door in search of roofs over their heads and pork sausages for their empty bellies.

Knowing Jewish communities around the world, it strikes me that what he writes is probably true. The script of "The Evacuees" was drawn from somebody's imagination, enriched by Evelyn Waugh's satire about Basil Seal blackmailing good Englishmen and true by threatening to billet evacuated London children on them. But I know that there are many Mancunians settled in Israel: perhaps they can tell us what really happened. As Uri Zohar says, with a potato in his mouth, in "Nine-Squared" — true or false?

CHILDREN who watch both Israel and Jordan Television must be having a very disturbing experience on Tuesday evenings. At five-thirty Israel has one Swiss Family Robinson, at six-thirty Jordan has another. The two families look and behave very differently although they are all Robinsons on desert islands. If the children are not deprived and disadvantaged, they can see the Jordanian version in full colour, so they probably prefer it.

Breaking links with the past

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films were shown in the summer, not connecting this modest structure with the ancient ruins we impress tourists with at Caesarea and Hazor.

It was not the most comfortable venue for entertainment. Those in the know always took cushions and, in the unpredictable between-seasons, umbrellas. Then the machine often broke down, and we saw only half what we had come to see. If it wasn't mended before 10.30, we got our money back. One never saw anything new there, but it was a good chance to catch up with shows missed a decade or two ago, in other places.

We were younger then and not so

fussy. The absence of the roof was all we needed in the way of air-conditioning and bottle-rolling was unknown. Any youth behaving in an unseemly manner was taken out by the ear and banded over to his mum and dad for correction. We were not resentful of the conditions or even complaining. If the electricity failed or the screen blew away, there were always the neighbours to talk to. The general feeling was that if the Romans could put up with this mild discomfort without even an ices lolly to sustain them, then we could do no less.

Now, to admit having seen something "at the Amphitheatre" puts one into a class of senior citizens no less venerable in the eyes of our youngsters than if we had attended there the first locally performed translation of "The Trojan Women."

The last stones of the old — but not ancient — outdoor movie house have been taken away. The ground is joined to the place where the weeds and the bulrushes once flourished, conquered at last by the invincible bulldozers. Visiting lions will have to look elsewhere for hospitality. All is now transformed into a neatly manicured public garden. Brightly painted benches sit at intervals along the gravel paths. It is clean, nicely laid out and up to date. Only the old-timers sigh as they pass.

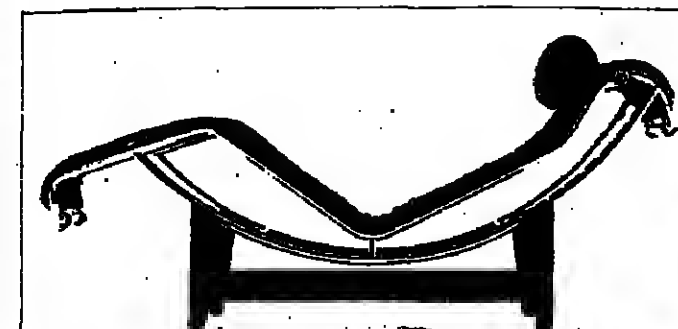
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Papaya — paw-paw?

By DOREEN GUINSBERG / Special to The Jerusalem Post

PAPAYA, a fruit belonging to the plant family of Caricaceae, and known as paw-paw in Southern and Central Africa, as mamao in Brazil and Melon Zaparte in Mexico, is still comparatively unknown to the average Israeli. But for those who originate from these tropical lands the very mention of these names creates a mouth-watering nostalgia for the lush yellow-orange delicious and refreshing fruit. For those who hail from Southern Africa, it used to be served for breakfast and was the main ingredient of all our fruit salads.

After the Six Day War, some of us found that papaya was grown around Jericho and could be bought at the fruit stalls in the oasis-city. About 20 kilometres north of Jericho at Moshav Phasael there is now an experimental grove (and I believe also at Kibbutz Kalla on the northern shore of the Dead Sea). Last year, a few papaya found their way to Jerusalem's Supermarket.

Papaya grows on the top of a tropical plant that looks like a small palm, some two to three metres in height. A crown of deeply lobed leaves grows upwards on thin stems, from which hang clusters of completely out-of-proportion oval fruits ranging from 15 to 25 cms. in length. The male and female flowers which grow on separate trees differ. The fruit is soft and fleshy with a soft outer skin and a hollow in the centre which encloses a mass of black pellet-like seeds in the female; the fruit of the male is practically seedless, and some of them are hermaphrodite.

The moshavniks look with wonder upon the miracle of this "tree" which produces sweet, luscious fruits in such quantities before the end of its first season (citrus takes five years, avocado and mango seven years before producing fruit). It falls into the category of a cash crop. The life of the tree is five years under satisfactory conditions — and it can grow in desert areas.

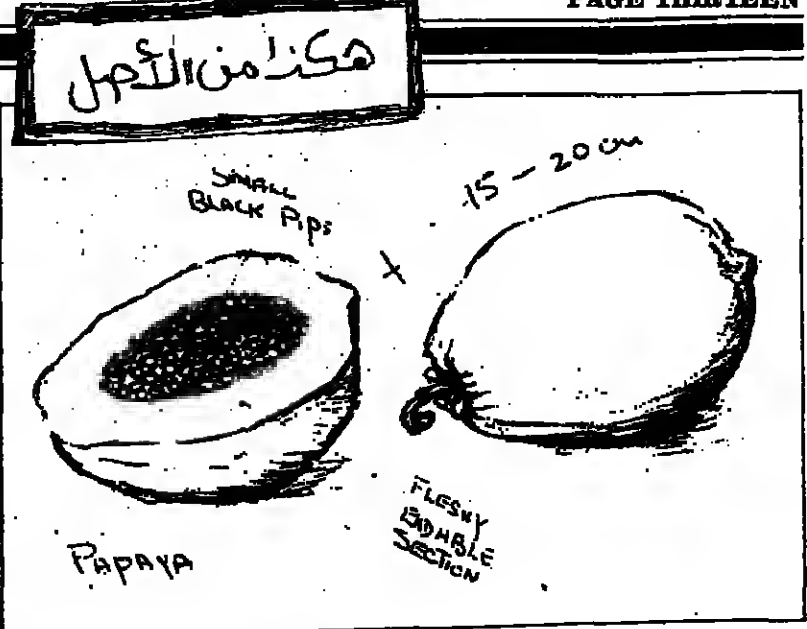
"We had to remove the drip irrigation pipes because the trees grow better without — they seem to get enough moisture from the drip on the mango tree in the next row." The only problem seems to be the need to have satisfactory wind-breaks. They have plastic nets in the orchard and plant the papaya in alternating rows with other fruit trees. "Growing papaya is no problem," says Aaron, "and more of the haverim are interested in cultivating them. But we cannot depend on a consumer market which consists of a few South Africans living in Savoy and Kir Shmaryahu."

Apart from the potential cash value of the fruit itself, it has special health qualities. In South Africa, a paw-paw diet is recommended for stomach upsets and digestive disorders and for convalescents because of its high protein content and easy digestibility. In the milky juice of the unripe fruit and stem it contains papain in particularly large quantities. Papain is a protein-digesting enzyme which greatly resembles the animal enzyme Pepsin in its digestive action. When the unripe milky juice is allowed to congeal and dry it can be ground down and used in remedies for indigestion. A Jewish woman scientist in Jericho is growing papaya for medicinal and cosmetic purposes.

The qualities of papaya as a meat tenderizer have long been recognized in tropical countries where it is common practice to leave tough meat wrapped in the leaves or to rub the juice into it before cooking.

The avocado was once a rare and unfamiliar fruit in Israel. Now it has become an important part of our daily diet and a major export item. The mango is gradually coming into its own. Papaya should be the next in line.

The chefs at the Dead Sea hotels have enthusiastically agreed to include papaya on their menus as another health service. If the Israeli public were to start asking for papaya I can guarantee that once they acquire the taste they will not be able to live without this delicious fruit. A market could be created locally and yet another air-freighted export crop introduced by us to the European market.



Three new Israel issues

THE ISRAELI Philatelic Services has announced that three sets of stamps will be released on April 18. They will be dedicated to Memorial Day, the Sabbath and Ancient Musical Instruments of Israel.

The single IL3.30 stamp marking this year's Memorial Day was designed by Zvi Narkiss and features the memorial for the fallen soldiers of the parachute corps. The memorial, designed by A. Cahana, stands near the Eilat-Gedera crossroads, south of Tel Aviv.

A single IL3 stamp marking the Sabbath is the latest addition to the series of stamps devoted to Jewish holidays. The stamp depicts an embroidered cloth used to cover the Sabbath tables during the Friday night and Saturday afternoon recitations of the kiddush. This embroidery itself shows the Sabbath symbols of two candlesticks and a halla and bears the inscription, "In honour of the Sabbath." The stamp was designed by G. Almalleh of Tel Aviv.

Finally, a set of three stamps will depict musical instruments used in ancient Israel. The IL3.50 release shows a trumpet used by the military. Its picture was found on a silver coin dating from the period of the Bar-Kokhba revolt (132-135 C.E.). The IL2 stamp shows the lyre, one of the most frequently mentioned Biblical instruments. They're was also depicted on a Bar-Kokhba period silver coin. The "Jingle," mentioned in the Talmud and possibly referring to the Roman sistrum, is the theme of the high-value IL6 stamp. The three stamps were designed by A. Glaser of Tel Aviv.

First Day Cover cancellations for the Memorial Day and Sabbath stamps will be from Jerusalem, while the ancient musical instruments will carry a Haifa marking.

Two special cancellations will be used to mark the visits of cruise ships to Haifa. On the 18th of the month, a special postal branch will be opened on the Emrico from 6 to 10 p.m. and at the same hours on the 19th on the Eugenio. Collectors desiring these cancellations, but unable to obtain them in person, may send stamped self-addressed envelopes to the "Postmaster, Haifa," before the above dates. The mailing envelope should specify that it is a request for a particular cancellation.

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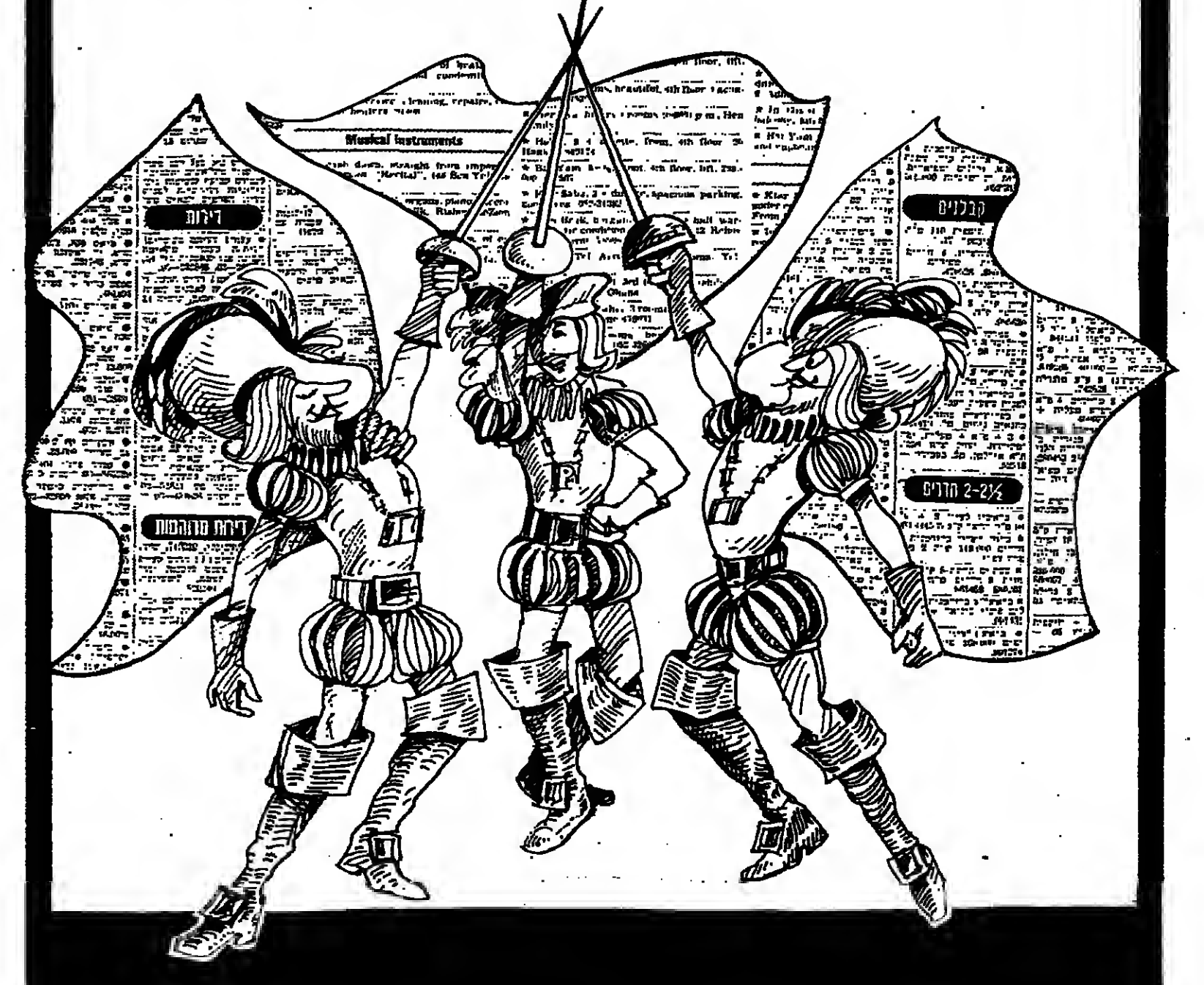
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ECONOMY & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Selling wave starts

A selling wave engulfed the Tel Aviv stock market in the wake of the warning against excessive speculation and as a result of the announcement of the new tax law. The Knesset Finance Committee representatives are expected to appear at a hearing on the Exchange's activities.

Exploration announced company has made plans to distribute oil and gas as a result of the announcement of the new tax law. The Knesset Finance Committee representatives are expected to appear at a hearing on the Exchange's activities.

Speculators, like the market, were in a state of confusion, which saw a sharp decline in the market. The market was down by 5 per cent in the morning, and the trading was slow. The market was down by 5 per cent in the morning, and the trading was slow. The market was down by 5 per cent in the morning, and the trading was slow.

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IDB Bankholding had 'gratifying' year in 1976

TEL AVIV. — The financial statements for 1976 of the Israel Discount Bank Bankholding Corp., parent company of the Discount Bank group, have been approved by the board of directors. The statements show a gratifying growth in business during 1976. Consolidated assets reached IL28.4b., an increase of 46 per cent over 1975.

Consolidated net operating income amounted to IL15.8b., compared with IL10.9b. in 1975, an increase of 45 per cent. Total consolidated net income, including extraordinary income, amounted to IL16b., compared with IL11.6b. in 1975, a rise of 37 per cent.

Consolidated net income per ordinary share reached IL3.46 (67 per cent of N.V.). Assuming full dilution, net income per share amounted to IL1.80 (59 per cent of N.V.), an increase of 22 per cent over the previous year.

The company's ordinary shares are traded on the Stock Exchange at the relatively low price-earnings ratio of 4.9, or 5.2 assuming full dilution.

In December 1976, IDB distributed a cash dividend of IL2.60 per ordinary share of IL20 N.V. (13 per cent) and the board of directors resolved to recommend to the annual general meeting of shareholders that the company effect a 25 per cent stock split. The company also distributed the fixed cash dividend of \$0.50 per preference share.

IDB has increased its share capital following the growth of the company's business. At the end of 1975 and early in 1977 the company made two public offerings of redeemable convertible preference "A" shares, together with options, for raising a total of IL440m. Both offerings were heavily oversubscribed.

Total consolidated capital accounts of IDB Bankholding, including capital notes and minority interest, totalled IL1.55b. at year end 1976, up 38 per cent from IL1.12b. at the close of 1975.

Following the last month's offering total capital funds have reached IL1.6b.

El Al, Avis join forces in economy fly-drive plan

By HAIM SHAPIRO
One hand washes the other. In this case the two hands are El Al Airlines and Avis Rent-A-Car, who are cooperating by offering special car rental rates to El Al passengers.

For tourists coming to Israel the two companies offer a small car at \$133 a week with unlimited mileage. The company representatives, speaking at a press conference in Tel Aviv this week, said that this represents a substantial saving over the usual rates. They also noted that their combined publicity campaign will benefit the entire Israeli tourist industry.

For Israelis travelling abroad, there are a number of plans. Those wanting to rent cars in the U.S. in a number of cities may buy vouchers for \$22 a day. For continuous travel in a small car, the vouchers come to \$96 a week. Of special importance to the Israeli traveller is the fact that 20 per cent of the voucher may be paid for in Israeli currency.

Prices in Europe vary from country to country, from \$15.25 per day in England for a Ford Escort to \$26.30 a day for the same car in Norway.

Baruch Lilo, deputy manager for Israel of El Al, said that the most popular destination for Israelis in Europe is London, followed by Zurich, Paris, Rome and Frankfurt. He noted that about 250,000 Israelis went abroad last year and he expects that number to rise by 7 or 8 per cent this year.

For those going to America, El Al has other bonuses, such as discounts on the Greyhound Bus America's unlimited bus travel plan.

El Al also has a hotel plan whereby Israelis may buy vouchers for hotels in the U.S. The prices, from \$11.75 per person for the standard category, to \$23.50 per person for superior first class, are slightly lower than those of a similar plan offered by TWA.

Japhet refutes criticism of banks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ernst Japhet, chairman of the Bank Leumi board of directors, yesterday rejected criticism of the commercial banks voiced at the annual meeting of the Union of Banks. The commercial banks, he claimed, accounted for no more than two per cent of the labour force and therefore were not a factor in the restructuring of the labour force.

Neither are there any data to show that wages in the banking sector are really higher than in other parts of the service sector.

Japhet also pointed to the increasing proportion of bank deposits that are immobilized through rising liquidity requirements, and to the increase in the share of "directed" credit in the total lending operations of the banks.

Capital hardest hit by housing slump

By ARYE ALCALAY
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE BUILDING slowdown is more severe in Jerusalem than in the other cities, a recent survey by the Housing Ministry shows.

New housing starts in the capital last year dropped by 32 per cent over 1975, while sales were down 37 per cent. In Tel Aviv, by contrast, new housing starts were up 25 per cent over the year before. But sales in Tel Aviv also declined, although only by 18 per cent, half the Jerusalem rate.

In Haifa, the picture is different again. Building starts dropped ten per cent, but sales rose by 14 per cent.

In a startling development building starts in the towns around Haifa went up by a full 86 per cent last year.

The study indicates that the building slowdown continues this year.

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VETERAN ELECTRIC CORPORATION mechanic, trained by U.S. experts, is shown repairing part of one of the firm's gas turbines. Until now such repairs could only be made by the Aircraft Industries. (IIPA)

IL100m. in claims outstanding under no-fault insurance

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Although Avner, the roof organization of all automobile insurance firms has only paid out a little over IL3m. since the no-fault insurance law has come into effect the company has outstanding claims totalling nearly IL100m., Uzzi Abel, the director of Avner said yesterday.

He explained that the IL3m. had been given out mainly in what he termed "immediate payments," which are usually for the initial expenses of the victim's family. Payments include loss of earnings, hospital or funeral expenses.

These payments usually come to about IL1,000 to IL2,000 a month. But there have been two cases in which IL100,000 was paid out — all this before the final settlement.

Asked about the outstanding claims, Abel said that there were about 15 claims of over IL1m. each.

Avner has accumulated about IL200m. as its share of insurance premiums in the six months since it was set up.

People don't flock to development towns

Jerusalem Post Reporter

IN THE 18 months since July 1975, only 600 families from the centre of the country have moved into development towns, a Housing Ministry survey shows.

The total of families and singles moving to development towns during that period came to about 2,300 — but the majority came from other development towns and not from the big cities. What induced these people to move were the various mortgage schemes offered by the Ministry, which allowed them to buy bigger flats in the new location.

Warning against overzealous lobbying for anti-boycott law

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Irving Shapiro, the chairman of Du Pont and the prestigious Business Roundtable, says that intensive lobbying efforts by American Jewish organizations designed to win Congressional approval for a tough new law outlawing the Arab economic boycott are counterproductive to Israel's economic needs in America.

Shapiro, who also is a member of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, told syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak that he had warned the ADL "that what Israel needs most from the U.S. is capital and that the pressure for much too tough a Boycott Law was making an enemy of American business for Israel."

Evans and Novak, well-known here for their pro-Arab views, charged Wednesday that the "intensity of the Jewish lobby in battling big business over the Arab boycott is producing tough anti-boycott legislation, but at a price that could be costly to both Israel and the lobby itself."

Congress is currently considering it.

anti-boycott legislation, a subject of intense debate among legislators and the Carter Administration. Despite President Carter's anti-boycott commitments during the campaign, White House and State Department officials are supporting a weakened version of the bill. This effort is opposed by leading Senators and the American Jewish organizations.

Evans and Novak specifically accuse the ADL, the American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee of spearheading this "counterproductive" lobbying effort. "Ironically," the columnists said, "the Israeli Government is less worried about the Arab boycott than is the U.S. Israeli lobby."

Earlier this year, the ADL and the Business Roundtable worked out an agreed statement of principles on the Arab boycott — but many parts were vague.

A weakened version of the Anti-boycott Bill emerged from House and Senate Committees recently, but efforts will be made on the floor to attach amendments strengthening it.

Our drug prices are 'average' by international standards

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Private drug stores in Israel charge "average" prices according to an international survey made by the Dutch consumers association. Information on Israel was supplied by the Israel Consumers Association which is headed by Mrs. Hava Eylon.

The Dutch association surveyed prices in pharmacies in 33 countries, and then divided them up into different categories, with the prices in Holland serving as a base of 100. The prices of 15 drugs were checked.

The most expensive countries are Switzerland, Austria and West Germany, where prices were about 20 per cent higher than in Holland. The Scandinavian countries charged about the same as Holland.

Prices in Belgium, Luxembourg, and France were about the same as in Israel, that is, 20 per cent lower than in Holland.

The cheapest prices were charged by England, Ireland, Italy and Spain, and were often half those in Holland.

The Dutch consumers organization notes that the price of drugs is not fixed by "the laws of supply and demand," but by other factors. For example, a physician prescribes a brand drug — and the druggist cannot sell the patient another brand.

Physicians do not "have the stimulus" to be price-conscious, since they do not pay for the drugs. Moreover, a doctor may prescribe a familiar brand since he is too busy to keep himself informed of a cheaper substitute, the survey said.

Air cargo terminal in the black

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — "Maman," the air cargo terminal here, was able to wind up its first (full) fiscal year of operations on an even financial keel and keep its books balanced, managing director Gershon Peled, told reporters here yesterday.

The outlook for "Maman," according to Peled, includes prospects for a substantial profit in the 1977/1978 fiscal year, including partial repayment of the IL3.5m. deficit chalked up during the company's running-in period.

Peled attributed success to the endeavors of Cal (the charter air

cargo line of Mottel Hod) as well as a more cargo-oriented outlook by El Al. Most of the new cars and even small tractors are now flown to Israel. Importers found it worth their while to pay the higher freight rates to benefit from faster delivery and lower insurance premiums.

Last year the total air cargo volume handled by "Maman" was 35,000 tons, including 25,000 tons of export agriculture produce. Peled expects to double this figure this year. Large quantities of cargo are also banded for different Asian and African destinations.

Peled said that there had been no pilfering or cases of theft at the terminal during the past nine months.

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Working session: Sunday, April 17, 8.30 a.m.-6.00 p.m.

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9 a.m. Aliya Session

11 a.m. Organization Session

1 p.m. Luncheon Session, Speaker: Mr. Erwin Frenkel, Editor, Jerusalem Post. "How free can a free press be?"

3 p.m. Kllita Session

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Going overboard

THE SEAPORTS have been seriously crippled three times during the last half-year — first, by the customs officials, demanding a separate wage-scale from the rest of the civil service; second and with more damage, by the dockers, who went on strike for a wage rise that the Histadrut was trying to get them anyway; and third, by the present deadlock between deckhands and ship officers, over whether the latter should get "differential" pay.

The issues were in each case a legitimate subject for negotiation, but the means employed by worker groups to achieve their ends have been to a greater or lesser extent an abuse of their bargaining power under the law.

There is absolutely nothing to justify seamen paralyzing — not for the first time — a large part of Israel's merchant fleet over matters concerned more with the prestige of the disputing parties than with the search for a fair wage. The officers say that their claim tallies with a contract they signed with the employers. The shipowners are prepared to go to arbitration; the officers refuse.

The deckhands for their part declare a strike, without the legally requisite notice, to make sure that the shipowners do not yield to the officers.

All this is childishness — like the previous strike, over whether a boatwain can be expected to answer a summons from the ship's captain immediately, when he is in the middle of drinking a cup of tea. These are not matters over which the economy should be brought to a standstill.

There is a general feeling among the public that many works committees are venturing beyond what should be permissible limits. During the last dispute in Zim, general manager Yehuda Rotem warned that his company would sell off any ship that was strike-bound without good reason. It may be necessary to give substance to that warning now, and take one vessel out of service each day until the strikers come to their senses.

Downing tools has traditionally been a weapon of the last resort. It cannot be officially employed without Histadrut approval. Now that wages are high, so that the loss of a few days' earnings bothers no one, the unofficial walkout has become a plaything of labour relations.

New laws must be considered to deal with this subject. Compulsory arbitration in essential services is one possibility. There are others.

Stocks and shocks

THE STOCK EXCHANGE was right to caution the public against buying a particular share when competitive bidding has pushed its price way above the value of the assets it represents.

The "bourse" in Tel Aviv is not a casino. People who play the market by investing, even for a short time, in a venture whose earning capacity they know nothing about, should not complain if they end up badly out of pocket. The share market does not owe everybody a living.

But there is another obligation on the authorities, apart from the need to raise an admonitory finger. They have been complaining for a long time about the lack of popular interest in Israel's obstinately diminutive capital market. The public did not invest, except in government bonds, which is why (it was argued) industrialists had to go to the Accountant-General for their finance.

Well, a break seems to have come. It could have been foreseen. The campaign by the left against Israel's best gilt-edged security, the index-linked government bond, caused mistrust among investors, who decided to diversify into equity.

If one-tenth of the money in bonds is shifted to equity, that is enough to double the share market — without counting the influence of speculators, who have come out of the shadows to take advantage of this fortuitous boomlet.

There should have been new share issues (like the timely IL700m offer of Bank Leumi), to meet the sudden flux of demand that could have been anticipated. Companies that have in the past placed small issues on the market, just to get a quotation for their stock, find that the quotation can fluctuate wildly. When a certain commodity is in short supply, a quite moderate rise in demand sends its price rocketing (and vice versa).

The pesty stock exchange institution itself was taken by surprise. It cannot physically cope with the sudden increase in the volume of trading.

The share market as a whole must adapt itself to new situations, and grab even transient opportunities when they present themselves. It is important to make shares competitive with bonds.

Up to now, bonds have monopolized the market. The one justification for the rash decision to reduce their linkage to 80 per cent would be if discouraged investors switched to equity instead. That would restore a direct relation between lender and borrower, eliminating the Government's inconvenient role as middleman.

IT IS NOT OFTEN that one can accuse the Israeli press of gullibility or of being misled. Our leading newspapers are known throughout the world for their fighting independence: they are not easily managed or manageable. Yet in the Rabin Affair many papers have for days been led astray by a systematic effort on the part of some government officials to distort and conceal the full truth.

Thus, for instance, Attorney-General Aharon Barak must have been dumbstruck when he read, in some of Tuesday's newspapers, reports purporting to sum up the legal opinion that he was about to submit to the Cabinet that day. The reports must have astonished him, not because they were plainly based on deliberate leaks — he had only finished drawing up the opinion at midnight the night before — but because the leaks had obviously been deliberately tendentious.

"Barak: No Way for Rabin to Resign" — this was the burden of the headlines that these reports carried. And the reports even cited passages from his legal opinion — one of them quoted whole chunks of it verbatim — to the effect that the Prime Minister of a caretaker Cabinet is irredeemably enmeshed in office.

Mysteriously, however, one particular piece of the opinion, the key piece, which took up one-third of the whole, was not cited anywhere. Evidently, it had not been leaked. It contained Barak's lengthy and erudite discussion of Section 18 of the Basic Law: Government, which provides a legal escape hatch through which the Premier, if he so wishes, could carry out his declared desire to resign from office immediately.

Everything hinges on the word "unable" (in Hebrew: *shetzer*). "If the Premier is abroad, or is temporarily unable (shetzer) to fulfill his duties," says Sec. 18, "the Cabinet shall appoint another minister, who is also a Knesset Member, to serve as Acting Premier until the Premier returns home or resumes his duties."

"The cardinal question for us," Barak wrote in his opinion, "is when is the Premier 'unable'?" Some would say that the word should be given a restrictive interpretation: i.e., only circumstances which objectively make it impossible for the Premier to function can comprise the concept "unable." Others would feel that a subjective criterion should prevail.

"I am inclined to believe that we should not give a restrictive interpretation to Sec. 18. Thus the subjective element should not be neglected. According to the circumstances of the case, the Premier reaches the conclusion — a conclusion meeting the test of reasonableness — that his ability to function properly as Premier has been temporarily impaired."

It would then be for the Cabinet to decide, Barak continued, whether the Premier's subjective reasons were sufficiently weighty to justify relieving him of his duties.

NOW ONE NEED NOT be a jurist to appreciate the plain and simple meaning of these words. And, indeed, at the Cabinet meeting, the ministers, who had read the report, looked expectantly towards Mr. Rabin to see if he would avail himself of the opportunity.

READERS' LETTERS

PARTY POLITICS
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I fail to understand why, if different groups in a political party have agreed upon the main points of their programme, they should encounter such difficulties in agreeing on their representatives. Why is it necessary that every small splinter group in every political party have its own representative on the party list? I would imagine that the people who are elected could speak for all groups in the party and promote the interests of all, as agreed in the party programme.

I am afraid that this weakness in our system prevents the election of people according to their merits.

CLAIRE UNNA
Nahariya.

THE COST OF CARP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I refer to your news item of April 8, "Call for carp subsidy." Carp production is the most highly subsidized product produced in Israel. The main cost in carp production is water, which is highly subsidized.

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of the loophole that Barak had provided.

"I was absolutely flabbergasted," a cabinet source recalled later, "when Rabin announced baldly: 'In the light of this legal opinion, I will continue to serve until a new government is formed.'"

For a moment no one said anything. The Labour ministers had apparently been forewarned of Rabin's determination to remain in office. None of them was particularly eager to challenge the Premier's "reading" of the Barak opinion — for fear of provoking a quarrel which would further embarrass their party. Barak himself sat still and said nothing.

When the ILP's Moshe Kol and Gideon Hausner suggested that the law be amended, Justice Minister Zadok was ready with the answer: Yes, this was needed, but it should not be done "hastily." Instead, he would set up a committee, which would report to the next Knesset.

Within minutes of the end of the meeting, Israel Radio was reporting that Rabin would stay on — because Barak had ruled that there was no way for him to go. This report, bolstered by interviews with Zadok and Allon, was repeated every hour throughout the day, and the public, preconditioned by the morning's headlines, had no reason to think twice about it.

Even on Wednesday, after the full text of the legal opinion had been issued and even published in some papers, most of the headlines remained the same: "Rabin Will Stay — Because He Cannot Go." Who, after all, bothers to read the actual text of a legal opinion?

Barak, meanwhile, returned to the Justice Ministry, closeting himself with his own thoughts. He refused to discuss publicly the entire Rabin Affair. "That is finished as far as I am concerned," he says. "I am working on new files now, new cases." But those who know him closely say he is bitterly saddened by the events of the last week.

Barak's Kafkaesque ordeal began 10 days ago, when the Treasury applied the full force of its battery of pressures to persuade him not to prosecute Mrs. Rabin. He resisted; Rabin went on the air to announce his resignation, and the Treasury men, within minutes, lauded a vendetta against the Attorney-General which was to continue unabated for five days.

Readers of the resignation story in last Friday's papers were informed

A group of politicians and civil servants seems to have succeeded — for the time being, at least — in pulling the wool over the eyes of the Israeli press in the Rabin Affair. DAVID LANDAU reports.

by Treasury correspondents that Barak had brought it about by acting contrary to precedent and accepted practice — by turning down the Treasury recommendation for leniency. There was no reaction from Barak because, unseasoned politician that he is, he had not imagined that the Treasury was already gunning for him, at 1 a.m. in the morning.

NEXT DAY, having grasped what he was up against, sources close to Barak called in newsmen to brief them on his side of the story. If Mrs. Rabin had been left off with an administrative fine, he said, he would have had to revoke several prosecutions pending before the courts — and to apologize to all the offenders who had been dragged through the courts on similar or lesser charges over the years.

He even talked of challenging Finance Minister Rabinowitz in the High Court of Justice, had the Treasury insisted on an administrative fine and prevented a prosecution.

Asked on whose behalf he would have sued the Minister, Barak said: "On behalf of the citizens of Israel." As regards Mr. Rabin, Barak said he would be questioned by Treasury investigators, and, if he admitted that he had known of the account, then he too would be prosecuted.

"Why take him at his word?" one reporter asked. "Would you believe the ordinary man-in-the-street, earning an ordinary salary, who said that he knew nothing of his \$20,000 'account in America'?"

"Rabin is an honourable man," Barak replied. "Whether or not you believe someone depends on your personal feelings about him."

The Treasury, meanwhile, in a move which surely contravened the fundamental tenets of civil service ethics, published a lengthy official statement explaining why it had recommended leniency in Mrs.

Rabin's case. Since Barak felt it was becoming of him to put his own position on the record publicly, the Treasury was to have set out his case too. It did. In a three-line footnote to its statement it added, as an afterthought: "In the opinion of the Attorney-General, the existing guidelines and precedents provided no room for compounding Mrs. Rabin's offence for an administrative fine. Because of this stand, her file is being passed on to the prosecutor's office."

Barak was said to be sorely aggrieved at the Treasury statement, dubbing it, according to his friends, "a tissue of disgraceful lies." But still he held his peace, believing he must sooner resign than "go public" in his own defence.

Still the Treasury continued amping at him, through the press, and by Monday night it was apparent to what purpose. Mr. Rabin, it was announced, had "agreed after much persuasion by his wife and his friends, Ministers Zadok and Allon," to forego his earlier insistence on standing in the dock with his wife, and would consent to pay a IL15,000 administrative fine instead.

IN OTHER WORDS, Rabin would not be prosecuted after all. The Treasury, we were told, had questioned his lawyer and had been told that Rabin had only "a passive knowledge" of his illegal account and his wife's use of it. The decision to close his file with a small fine had been taken "in the Attorney-General's bureau," according to one report; "in full consultation with Barak," in the words of another.

The truth was that after further alterations with the Treasury men, the Attorney-General had agreed not to intervene if they decided to be lenient with Rabin on the grounds that his fall from power was itself a mitigating factor. A climb-down on Barak's part? I am not the one to judge.

He remained firm, however, despite a barrage of renewed pressure, in insisting that Mrs. Rabin's case go to trial: her husband's political punishment was no mitigation of her offence, and no amount of shouting by Treasury officials, who are also Labour Party activists, could persuade him otherwise.

It was only as the week wore on that the integral link between these two episodes — the constitutional ruling and the criminal ruling — must have dawned on the Attorney-

General, as it did on the rest of them. They were, it seems, the two foundations upon which Rabin, almost immediately regretful of his head-the-moment decision to resign, presently proposed to build his comeback.

Do not actually resign, Rabin seemed to be telling himself — therefore ("out of respect for high office of Prime Minister") sent to a fine instead of facing with Lea. Consent to a fine — thereby cease being such a total handicap to the party, therefore do not resign. And then be in a position during the election horse-trading to demand Cabinet post. And — in order to achieve all this — contend Barak is making it impossible to resign, and put off all talk of ending the law until the next Knesset.

THIS THEORY, of course, is vanced by people inside Labour who have always disliked and distrusted Rabin, and it must be examined meticulously before it is adopted. Yet what alternative is there to adoption? How else can one expect Rabin's inclusion, at his own request, in Labour's Knesset list? And the speculation, encouraged by those same friends, will he be in the new cabinet, and new "leadership forum?"

Is that the course of a dignified politician, who feels that his situation in office would be an eternal burden to his party? Or is it the course of a politician who feels his initial assessment of his present was too harsh and too high, and who is now bent on a proper recovery and political rehabilitation?

And who can blame Rabin if he feels this way? A novice politician, who has never had to face an election as party leader, he has been dazed by the whirlwind of events in recent months, and unexpected show of sympathy and support that his purpose in coming to office has elicited. The standing ovation, the full-scale praise from Mapai, Yisraeli, and the political "do-not-leave-us" plea from Ben-Aharon. And, perhaps above all, the unfortunate euphemism assigned to "regrettable mishap" — "unhappy withdrawal" — which his criminal offence quickly became in the mouths of his political supporters.

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DAVAR (Histadrut): "The hopes that the lessons of the Holocaust would be learned by the nations — whether directly involved or guilty of not caring enough to rescue the survivors — have not been justified. The pangs of conscience have gradually died down. The post-war generation is not conscious of the mass murder of the Jews in the recent past, and attempts are being made to belittle the effects of the Holocaust by comparisons with more recent events or by casting doubts on the number of its victims. Recent anti-Zionist and anti-Israel manifestations show that neither a sovereign Israel nor the lessons of the Holocaust have spelled the end of anti-Semitism."

"Israel must not allow the nations to forget the Holocaust, but above all the younger generation in this country, from all its ethnic communities, should be taught to understand its significance."

HA'ARETZ (independent): "Despite the studies and historical research into the Holocaust, no definitive answer has been given as to the lessons to be learned from it for the present and the future. The notion that the Holocaust is proof of the validity of Zionist theory and its negation of the Diaspora mitigates the guilt of the Nazis and the German people, the majority of whom followed the Nazi lead."

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